Superintendent of Highways John H. Rouse Statement on the proposed Closing of the Holtsville Ecology Site
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Farmingville, NY - On September 13, 2012 in his last act as Supervisor, Mark Lesko presented his proposed 2013 budget, which included the proposed closing of the Holtsville Wildlife and Ecology Center. Dismissing all input from Highway Department officials who oversee the site, the former supervisor and his staff developed the proposed budget claiming a savings of over one million dollars a year by closing this facility; in fact, the savings to the taxpayer will be less than $140,000.00 per year.

The Holtsville Ecology Center provides a home to animals that are injured or can no longer survive in the wild; it includes greenhouses where all the flowers planted along the roadways by local civic organizations are grown and offers athletic trails used by residents seeking to exercise and stay healthy. It is a unique place that provides sanctuary to residents and animals alike.

"As Superintendent of Highways, I will work tirelessly to lobby the Town Board to find ways to save this beloved site. It is truly the crown jewel of all our Brookhaven facilities and is not only reflective of our past but represents the promise of our future" said Superintendent Rouse.

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