Farmingville, NY - At the February 4 Town Board meeting, Councilwoman Connie Kepert sponsored a resolution to preserve open space in the Carmans River watershed. The resolution, which was unanimously adopted by Supervisor Romaine and the Town Board, authorized the acquisition of the 17.35 acres for $1,430,000.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Open space preservation is a priority of this administration and thanks to Councilwoman Kepert, the Town has taken another important step in protecting the Carmans River. I will work with the Town Board to make more land acquisitions that will have a positive impact on the environment for many years to come."

"I have proudly sponsored and passed legislation which has protected critical parcels of open space within the Carmans River Corridor from its headwaters in Middle Island to where it empties into the Great South Bay in Brookhaven Hamlet. The acquisition of more than 17 acres of land located on Mill Road in Yaphank, represents the latest addition of properties which will remain forever wild and insure that the Carmans River remains one of the jewels of the Town of Brookhaven." stated Councilwoman Kepert.

The Town Board unanimously approved the Carmans River Conservation and Management Plan in October and has since been moving forward with the plan's implementation. "The combination of expanding the Pine Barrens, up-zoning and preservation of land in the watershed, we will successfully protect and preserve the Carmans River," stated Councilwoman Kepert.