Farmingville, NY - For the past five years the Gordon Heights community conducted several lengthy visioning sessions facilitated by Vision Long Island. At the visioning sessions, a variety of ideas were shared by community members who focused on several different models of housing and commercial development options for the community of Gordon Heights. Community input received from these visioning sessions were compiled and studied by Cameron Engineering & Associates LLP and from that study a visioning plan for future the development of Gordon Heights was developed.

"This was a vibrant, refreshing process in which every resident in Gordon Heights had the opportunity to voice their opinion on the future of their community," said Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

"Visionings turn the "business as usual," process of development on its head. No longer do developers determine a community's future; instead the community tells the developer and the Town of Brookhaven how they would like to see their neighborhoods built. When the residents have this level of input in the planning process everyone wins," continued Kepert.

According to Vision Long Island's Executive Director, Eric Alexander, "The Gordon Heights Land Use Plan brings together the goals of the community with the environmental and developmental realities of the hamlet. Many voices shaped the plan and we look forward to seeing it implemented with that same level of community support."

The result of this visioning process is a proposal to construct two neighborhood centers that will achieve the following goals:

- Provide focal points for the community, complete with public spaces and community facilities like daycare centers that will function as activity nodes.
- Enhance affordable housing options for neighborhood residents, particularly young people who have recently demonstrated a desire to leave the community.
- Provide commercial space to incubate community business and home based business which may be operating out of non conforming spaces, and more generally to enhance services immediately available to Gordon Heights residents.