Supervisor Lesko and Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld Announce Town's Open Space Acquisition of 16 Parcels in the Terryville Greenbelt
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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld have announced the Town's recent acquisition of an additional 16 parcels in the Terryville Greenbelt conservation area as part of the Town's open space preservation initiative. The parcels are adjacent to Comsewogue High School in an area that the Town has made numerous open space purchases in the past. The entire Terryville Greenbelt is 60 acres, over 37 of which have now been purchased by the Town under its long-standing policy to protect this critical watershed area. The goal is to eventually purchase the remaining parcels within the greenbelt so that this assemblage of properties will be wholly protected and interconnected.

"Open space preservation is a high priority of my administration and this acquisition in the Terryville Greenbelt will protect the natural habitat in Port Jefferson Station and will provide more recreational opportunities for residents," said Supervisor Lesko. "Too many areas like this have been lost to development and it is our responsibility to protect and preserve as much as we can for future generations."

Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, who was the driving force behind this recent acquisition as well as the previous acquisitions within the Terryville Greenbelt said, "The purchase of this property is environmentally significant because it preserves more pine barrens habitat and protects our groundwater supply by providing for the recharge to the underlying aquifers." He continued, "Overdevelopment has been a detriment to the Terryville-Port Jefferson Station area but this important acquisition is another step in the right direction to stop it. There is still more that we need to do and I will continue to work in order to help assemble and acquire the remaining properties until we have completed our mission to purchase the entire Terryville Greenbelt." Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld also noted that the Terryville Greenbelt is a great location for hiking and bird watching and he believes that it can also serve as an outdoor learning laboratory for the students at Comsewogue High School.

"The Town is to be commended for continuing to invest into the Terryville Greenbelt as this is one of the few open spaces that still remain in our community," said State Assemblyman Steven Englebright. "By doing so, Brookhaven is protecting our drinking water, enhancing recreation opportunities and making sure that Port Jefferson Station remains a highly desirable and livable community."

"The purchase of these properties in the hamlets of Terryville and Port Jefferson Station is significant in more ways than one. First, it is environmentally significant because it preserves the natural habitat for various mammals, birds and reptiles, it protects our groundwater supply and it provides more recreational opportunities for our residents," said Louis Antoniello Open Space and Parks Committee Chairperson. He continued, "The preservation of our open space and the preservation of our history is a quality of life issue and we thank Councilman Fiore Rosenfeld and Supervisor Lesko for their continued interest and support."

The purchase price for the 16 parcels of open space acquired by the Town in the Terryville Greenbelt was $648,000.