Farmingville, NY – On July 31, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright joined with Boy Scout Troop 377 of East Setauket to honor Christopher Robert Noakes (center) for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Councilwoman Cartright was joined by Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn (second from left) and NYS Assemblyman Steve Engelbright (right) and Troop 377 Scout Master Jeffrey Weissman (left).

To become an Eagle Scout, a boy must first work his way through all preceding Boy Scout ranks while meeting certain requirements, such as earning merit badges, holding a leadership position within the troop and completing a community service project. Christopher’s project included managing a team of 12 workers and creating a ‘bailout’ path within the Forsythe Meadows Park in Stony Brook. They invested a total of 134 hours on the path, where Christopher also installed a wooden split rail fence. The cutaway path is for visitors who wish to do half the length of the original 1.5 mile trail. He installed three signs, directing people from the path to the parking lot, and he refurbished a bench along the trail for visitors to rest and enjoy the natural environs.

"It was a pleasure to be a part of this special ceremony for Christopher," said Councilwoman Cartright. "What he and his team have accomplished will benefit our community for many years to come and I thank him.”