Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro is announcing the first of three Bicycle Rodeos to be held at Safety Town this year. The event, on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., encourages children to learn how to safely ride their bikes in a mock-roadway, kid-sized setting.

Located at the Holtsville Ecology Site, 249 Buckley Rd. in Holtsville, Safety Town features roads with turning lane arrows, a railroad crossing, two one-way tunnels to teach children the dangers of one-way streets, and timed traffic lights. Participants of all ages will be evaluated and given feedback on their own bicycle handling abilities, after proper bicycle safety skills are demonstrated.

"I encourage all Brookhaven residents with young children to attend our first Bicycle Rodeo of 2016," said Superintendent of Highways Daniel P. Losquadro. "It's a great opportunity for kids to develop proper bike riding skills and become better, more aware bicyclists, to minimize the risk of accidents and injuries on our roadways."

The Bicycle Rodeo, hosted by the Highway Department’s division of traffic safety in conjunction with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office STOPPED Program, is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with a grant from the New York State Governors Traffic Safety Committee.

Participants are required to bring their own helmets and bicycles; both will be inspected for safety. The rain date for this event is Sunday, April 10. For more information, contact Safety Town at 631-363-3770.