

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner Join Residents at Two Zombie House Demolitions by Lake Panamoka in Ridge

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**Farmingville, NY** – On May 16, Supervisor Ed Romaine (center) and Councilwoman Jane Bonner (sixth from right) were on-hand for the demolition of two dilapidated houses near Lake Panamoka in Ridge. The long vacant “zombie houses” had been the source of resident complaints, resulting in violations from the Town for property maintenance. Suffolk County seized the property as a result of unpaid taxes. The Town recently acquired the houses from the County and quickly took action to have them demolished. The parcels will be cleared of debris, graded and preserved as open space.

Supervisor Romaine said, “When houses are allowed to deteriorate, it has a negative impact on every family in the neighborhood. The residents of Lake Panamoka have been waiting a long time for these eyesores to be removed and I thank the Town Law and Building departments, and the County for helping to make it happen.”

Councilwoman Bonner said, “It was great to see so many residents come out in support of our efforts to clean up their beautiful lakeside community. By demolishing these houses, we have improved their quality of life and I will continue to work with Supervisor Romaine to help identify other blighted properties in this neighborhood and take action to clean them up.”

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