Romaine, Bonner Unveil New Rain Garden at Cedar Beach Nature Center

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Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine recently joined Councilwoman Jane Bonner for the opening of the new rain garden at the Mt. Sinai Harbor Stewardship Center at Cedar Beach. The garden utilizes rain barrels to collect runoff from the nature center, and disperses it into the garden, where it is naturally filtered through the soil.

The Mt. Sinai Harbor Marine Stewardship Center at Cedar Beach is located at the former home of the Mt. Sinai Nature Center. The new center, which was championed by Councilwoman Bonner after the original center was slated for demolition, houses marine-based displays and provides marine stewardship learning opportunities for residents, schools and private organizations. Among the environmental issues that the center focuses on are plastic pollution, habitat conservation, storm water runoff and best management practices for homes. The center complements environmental programs offered at the Town's West Meadow Beach in Stony Brook.

Supervisor Romaine has long been an advocate for rain gardens and because of their benefits to the environment, was instrumental in the construction of the first Suffolk County rain garden located in the Cornell Cooperative Extension parking lot in Riverhead.

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