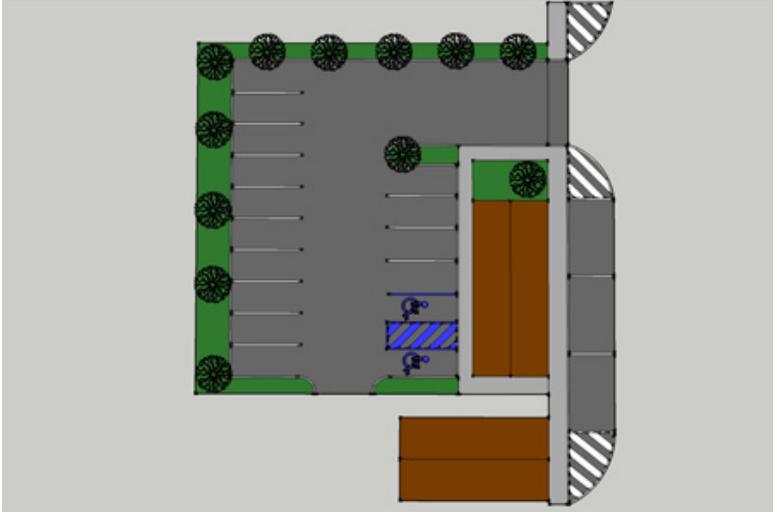


# Councilwoman Bonner Announces Acquisition of Rocky Point Property to be Developed into a Municipal Parking Lot

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## ***Acquisition provides first opportunity to build on the J6 zoning designation as presented in Route 25 A Land Use Plan***



*Right photo shows Councilwoman Jane Bonner with Anthony and Bridget Caccavale during the closing of the Town's acquisition of property located on Broadway in Rocky Point which will be developed into a municipal parking lot. Right photo shows a conceptual plan of the proposed parking lot.*

**Farmingville, NY** - On February 20, Councilwoman Jane Bonner attended the closing of the Town's acquisition of property located on Broadway in Rocky Point to be developed as a municipal parking lot. The purchase presents the first opportunity for the Town to build on the J6 zoning designation that is part of the Route 25A Mount Sinai to Wading River Land Use Plan. The plan, which was spearheaded by Councilwoman Bonner and initiated in the fall of 2009 was adopted by the Town Board at the January 8 Town Board Meeting. It covers a 10.5 mile stretch of Route 25A through the hamlets of Mount Sinai, Miller Place, Sound Beach, Rocky Point, Shoreham and Wading River to the Riverhead town line. The property was purchased from Anthony and Bridget Caccavale with funding in the form of a Community Development Block Grant through the Federal Government.

"Purchasing this property is the first step in our five year plan to revitalize the Route 25 A business district," said Councilwoman Bonner, "Convenient parking is a must for business to thrive and to promote economic growth along Route 25A, and I will continue working with the Town's Department of Housing and Human Services to help secure Block Grant funding for additional parking as well as beautification, road improvements, facade enhancements and more. The input I have received from local businesses, community leaders and the residents of my district has been very important to the implementation of the plan and I look forward to there continued participation in this effort."

Prior to adopting the Route 25 A Land Use Plan, the Town Board held public hearings to amend a number of zoning definitions, consider changes of zone to 79 properties in the Rocky Point business district from their current zoning from J2 (Neighborhood Business) to J6 (Main Street Business) and to create three new overlay districts. In creating the plan, Councilwoman Bonner's overriding concern was to preserve the current high quality of life enjoyed by corridor residents by preserving the community character of the area, preventing future suburban sprawl, limiting "big box" retail, improving both the safety and appearance of Route 25A, and revitalizing local businesses and Main Streets along the corridor.

The Route 25A Mount Sinai to Wading River Land Use Plan and Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) are available on the Town website at [www.brookhaven.org](http://www.brookhaven.org).

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