

Bonner Kicks Off Start of Rt. 25A Corridor Study

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FARMINGVILLE, NY- Brookhaven Councilwoman Jane Bonner recently kicked off the community participation portion of the Route 25A Corridor Study . In attendance was a sizeable assemblage of individuals representing community civic groups, school boards, fire districts, chambers of commerce and other business groups. This first meeting was the initial step in reviewing responses to the Town issued RFP in the effort to coordinate development and improve existing conditions on Route 25A between Mount Sinai and Wading River in Brookhaven Town.

"This is our last, best chance to preserve the rural character and nature of Northeast Brookhaven," said Bonner. "By working together with civics, businesses, developers and state and county officials, we are moving forward with a roadmap to planning decisions that will preserve these communities for generations to come."

The 10-mile long study area will extend from Crystal Brook Hollow Road in Mount Sinai to the Riverhead Town border in Wading River, resulting in a regional land use plan for the Rt. 25A corridor that integrates transportation, housing, recreation and zoning recommendations to create and support quality communities. The study will also assist in providing community identity and pedestrian accommodations, integrating community-based design recommendations to reverse the appearance of commercial sprawl in the area, and assess the impacts of development in Riverhead Town on the affected communities.

The Route 25A corridor will look at five communities - Mt. Sinai, Miller Place, Rocky Point, Shoreham, & Wading River - with the goal of providing community identity and pedestrian accommodations, and integrating community-based design and development recommendations to reverse the appearance of commercial sprawl. It will examine pending projects to determine development pressure, and perform a vacant land analysis to determine remaining development potential in the area. The study will also evaluate the corridor's seasonal agri-tourism traffic demands to the North Fork, evaluate and support local agriculture, and coordinate efforts with Shoreham/National Grid Steering Committee to evaluate the development potential of the 800-acre Key Span Property. In addition, the study will also assess the effects of big box store development in the corridor upon local businesses and the economy, making recommendations to neutralize or ameliorate any negative effects documented.

Pictured: Councilwoman Jane Bonner and Planning Commissioner Tullio Bertoli meet with members of the community regarding the Rt. 25A Corridor Study

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