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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilman Kevin LaValle (right) and County Legislator Tom Muratore (left) announced today that the Suffolk County Legislature adopted Introductory Resolution 1294 (IR1294) on April 29, approving the purchase of a 15+ acre parcel behind Hawkins Path Elementary School in Selden. The land will be used "for active recreational use including ball fields, multiuse sports fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, playground area, picnic areas, rest rooms and parking areas." The County will also enter into a municipal agreement with the Town to develop and maintain the parkland.

"It was a pleasure to co-sponsor Legislator Muratore's initial resolution to acquire this parcel," noted Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine. "I look forward to working with Councilman LaValle on the development of a new, beautiful town parks facility."

"I could not be more thrilled," said Councilman Kevin LaValle. "This acquisition is a home run for the residents of our community. It has been a pleasure to work on this acquisition with Legislator Muratore as his aide and now as a Councilman. I am eager to begin working with our Brookhaven Parks Department on developing a park the community will be proud to use for years to come."

"This is a huge victory; not only for the Fourth District, but the entire County," stated Legislator Muratore. "There is such limited open space left in the Selden/Centereach area, and we were fortunate to acquire this parcel below

market value. Plus, the Town partnership to develop and maintain the property makes this deal a home run. I am grateful to Councilman Kevin LaValle for partnering with me on this project, and I am happy to make good use of the land by offering a much needed family-friendly place in the community."

IR 1294 was introduced by County Executive Steve Bellone and co-sponsored by Legislator Muratore, along with Legislators Al Krupski and Kara Hahn.

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