

# Town Demolishes Blighted House at 85 Wading River Road in Center Moriches

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**Farmingville, NY** – Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilman Dan Panico (right) were on hand to witness the recent demolition of the severely blighted house located at 85 Wading River Road in Center Moriches. This house had numerous violations of both Town and New York State Building and Fire Prevention Codes, which presented a public nuisance and a threat to the health, safety and welfare of nearby neighbors. An independent engineer's report found that the house was "unsafe" "lacked maintenance," was "unsanitary" and "unfit for human occupancy." In addition, the house had been modified on the inside to allow for an illegal spray painting operation.

Supervisor Romaine said, "When a house like this is neglected and allowed to deteriorate it creates a hardship for everyone in the community and must come down. I commend Councilman Panico for being at the forefront in his district to help rid neighborhoods of these dangerous eyesores."

"The battle to overcome suburban blight is being won. The demolition of this structure and all those similarly situated give us safer and cleaner communities that our families and children deserve. We have raised the bar on acceptable standards for our neighborhoods, and we will continue to work diligently to give our residents the quality of life that they deserve," said Councilman Panico.

The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

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