

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico Honored as Heroes of the Bay by Moriches Bay Project

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**Farmingville, NY** – Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico were recently honored by the Moriches Bay Project (MBP) for their outstanding support of the environmental and educational nonprofit organizations. MBP works to improve the water quality in Moriches Bay through oyster farming and eel grass plantings and has partnered with several municipalities, including Brookhaven Town, in their endeavors. Specifically, the Town has supplied MBP with thousands of oysters which have been placed in Moriches Bay in waters located at Moriches Yacht Club in Center Moriches and in the Forge River. Because of their commitment to MBP and its mission to plant one million mollusks in the bay, Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico were named official Heroes of the Bay. MBP also recognized Tom Carrano of the Town's Division of Environmental Protection for his role in facilitating and coordinating delivery and placement of oysters to various locations.

Pictured are Supervisor Romaine (back row, fourth from left) and Councilman Panico (center) and Town of Brookhaven Assistant Waterways Management Supervisor Tom Carrano (back row, third from right) are joined by Moriches Bay Project Co-founder and Director Laura Fabrizio (back row, fourth from right) and members of the Moriches Yacht Club Junior Club at a recent oyster garden installation.

Supervisor Romaine said, "The preservation and protection of our bays is critical to the environment and economy of Brookhaven Town. I am thankful to Laura Fabrizio and her Moriches Bay Project colleagues for this honor and I commend the great work that they do so we all can enjoy our beautiful waterways.

"As an environmentalist, I have always supported initiatives to preserve land and provide for cleaner ground and surface waters," noted Councilman Panico. "I also choose to support individuals and groups who share my concern for future generations. That is why I strongly support the reseeding of our bays with oysters and am proud of the work done by members of the Moriches Bay Project."

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