

Community Garden Breaks Ground at Eastport Athletic Complex

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Farmingville, NY – On May 10, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico were at the Eastport Athletic Complex to break ground on the Eastport Roots Community Garden. The garden is being implemented on the grounds adjacent to the playground by members of the recently formed Eastport Green Project. The community group was established by Eastport residents Heather Spagnoli (back row left) and Stephanie Turano (back row, fourth from right), who created the grassroots organization in an effort to garner community participation in beautifying downtown Eastport, as well as creating a community garden. The Town provided the space for the garden and Eastport Green Project will build and maintain it. In addition, volunteers have been soliciting support to refurbish planters on Eastport's Main Street.

"We are fortunate to have so many volunteers who contribute their time and talent to make Brookhaven a better place to live," said Supervisor Romaine. "I thank Heather, Stephanie and all the members of the Eastport Green Project for taking pride in our community with the work that they do."

"The Town was happy to partner with the Eastport Green Project on such a worthwhile endeavor," said Councilman Panico. "A community garden at the Eastport Athletic Complex will only enhance the facility and will provide Eastport residents with fresh fruits and vegetables."

"The Eastport Roots Community Garden is a dream come true," said Spagnoli. "Working together with the Town of Brookhaven, the Parks Department, neighbors, and local businesses to make this happen shows the desire for green spaces that will enrich and strengthen this neighborhood and teach our little ones to sow the seeds of community."

Pictured are Supervisor Romaine (second from left) and Councilman Panico (center) with Heather Jackson, Jesse Spagnoli, Stephanie, Phil, Talon, Nate and Thea Turano, Jamie, Sean and Chase Venturo and Stephanie, A.J. and Mason D' Gracia.

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