

# Supervisor Romaine, Councilman Panico Join Sen. Schumer in Urging FAA to Approve Sewage Treatment Plant Plans

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**Farmingville, NY** - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico joined U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer in urging the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to expedite approval of Suffolk County's proposal to construct a new wastewater treatment plant at Brookhaven Airport. The wastewater treatment plant is part of Suffolk's proposed Mastic Shirley sewer project, and approval is sorely needed so that the three-year long project can move forward as soon as possible.

"Construction of this sewer district will improve our ground and surface waters and spur economic development in the area, creating hundreds of local jobs," said Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine. "I want to thank Senator Schumer for his leadership on this project and his efforts to expedite this much needed approval so that work on this treatment plant can begin."

The sewer project is being funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money from the Sandy Relief Bill and includes construction of a new sewage treatment plant that will service 5,300 homes in the Mastic-Shirley area. The proposed location of the new wastewater treatment plant is at the Town of Brookhaven's Calabro Airport, where adequate room exists to site a facility and the sub-surface leaching pools that would discharge the treated effluent to the groundwater. Because Brookhaven Airport accepts funding from the FAA, it is under certain federal obligations and requires FAA approval to transfer airport land. Suffolk County has submitted an application to take control of the parcel of land needed to construct the treatment plant.

"I thank Senator Schumer for coming out to address a critical need in the Mastic-Shirley area. I know that he and Congressman Lee Zeldin have been working hard on this issue for many years," said Councilman Dan Panico.

Once completed, the sewage treatment facility will serve over 5,000 homes in the Mastic-Shirley community



***(l. to r.) Supervisor Romaine, Senator Schumer, Legislator Browning, Councilman Panico and Mastic Beach Trustee Spery at Calabro Airport***

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