Farmingville, NY - On June 10, 2014 Councilman Dan Panico (center) and Supervisor Ed Romaine (third from left) received a prestigious award for the work on the Forge River from representatives of Cameron Engineering. The American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC) selected the Town of Brookhaven to receive the ACEC Platinum Award for Engineering Excellence for the Forge River Watershed Management Plan.

Cameron Engineering presented the plaque from the ACEC and the project board representing the many stages and efforts put into bringing this body of water back to a healthy state. Upon Councilman Keith Romaine coming into office in 2008, he moved forward the major study of this river and multiple tributaries to find the causes and remedies for the river's condition. This work was continued by Councilman Dan Panico where he was able to institute a reactive barrier pilot project in concert with Stony Brook University, a shellfish study and research project of oysters with local school interns, sediment mapping with SOMAS, the TMDL which is in the final stages of modeling/data collection and water quality sampling, and had the installation of the Watershed signage.

For more information on this and other initiatives by Councilman Panico please visit www.brookhaven.org or call 631-451-6502.