

# Supervisor Romaine, Councilman Foley and Councilman Panico Launch the Town's "Brew to Moo" Program

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**Farmingville, NY** – On August 1, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilman Neil Foley and Councilman Dan Panico held a press conference at the BrickHouse Brewery in Patchogue to announce the launch of the Town's "Brew to Moo" program which is aimed to reduce the amount of local brewery by-product in our waste stream.

Local breweries and distilleries produce tons of spent grains which have reduced caloric content but provide protein and fiber that can supplement corn for feed. The Town of Brookhaven will regularly pick up the spent grains and deliver it to farms and ranches to be used as feed for their animals. The first ranch to sign on to the program is the Double D Bar Ranch in Manorville. Using spent grains for livestock

feed dates back to the advent of beer, and with corn and other commodity prices rising, the use of brewery by-products is growing.

Supervisor Romaine said, "The Brew to Moo program is another step in the right direction by the Town to help reduce waste and do what is best for the environment. I thank the BrickHouse Brewery and Double D Bar Ranch for being the first to get on board and I look forward to bringing on more participants to the program."

Councilman Foley said, "It's only fitting that the Brickhouse, which is Long Island's first brewery, is helping us kick off our Brew to Moo program. This is another example of how the Town's Department of Recycling and Sustainable Materials Management is working to establish innovative programs that set us apart from other municipalities."

Councilman Panico said, "Today we announced another innovative initiative that will take spent grain from the Brickhouse Brewery to Double D Ranch to be used as feed for animal like cows, goats, and pigs. We are encouraging and working with others to join us in this effort to reuse and repurpose waste."

Pictured left to right are Supervisor Ed Romaine; Rich DeVoe from the Double D Bar Ranch; Councilman Neil Foley; Councilman Dan Panico; Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri; Brickhouse co-owner Tom Keegan; Brickhouse Master Brewer Paul Komsic; Commissioner of the Town's Department of Recycling and Sustainable Materials Management Matt Miner and BrickHouse co-owner George Hoag. Kneeling is Gay DeVoe from the Double D Bar Ranch.

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