

# Romaine, Panico Announce Acquisition of Woodland Meadows in Eastport

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## **87 Acre Parcel to Preserved as Open Space; Five Acres to Be Used for Active Parkland**

**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico today announced that the Town Board has authorized the acquisition of the nearly 100-acre meadow known as Woodland Meadows. The property had an approved as of right site plan for the construction of 70 single family homes in Eastport South Manor School District.

"Eastport is a beautiful community that possesses some of the best characteristics of Brookhaven Town that have been erased as development has spread from west to east," said Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico, who sponsored the resolution and led the effort to preserve the property. "When I was first elected I led the charge to deny a commercial site plan application that would have constructed nearly 75,000 square feet of retail that would have changed Eastport forever. I am proud to announce that with the passage of the resolution to authorize acquisition, we have taken another great leap in preserving Eastport and eastern Brookhaven for generations to come."

"A development of homes on this land would have forever changed the landscape and character of this community," said Supervisor Romaine. "Purchasing this property allows us to continue to save what is left of the rural character and heritage of eastern Brookhaven by maintaining this as open space, and allowing us to provide much needed recreational facilities for the children and families of the area."

This effort by Romaine and Panico comes after other successful efforts to preserve the vast majority of the County Road 51 corridor - including the purchase of the Oaks at East Moriches property and the Heritage Square property, which total over 110 acres.

Approximately 10 acres adjacent to the northeast corner of the Woodland Meadows property had been previously dedicated for the Town's Eastport-South Manor Sports Complex. As a result of this 87-acre acquisition, Brookhaven Town will set aside another small portion of property to the west of this complex for future expansion.

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