

Supervisor Romaine Leads Grand Opening Celebration of Swan River Preserve in East Patchogue

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Former Councilman Tim Mazzei cuts the ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of the new Swan River Preserve.

Farmingville, NY - On November 15, Supervisor Ed Romaine led the grand opening celebration of the Swan River Preserve in East Patchogue. The new passive park was constructed by the Town on a 3.8 acre site that was formerly occupied by a long vacant car dealership. It is located in an environmentally sensitive area adjacent to the Swan River and across Montauk Highway from Swan Lake. Former Councilman Tim Mazzei, who spearheaded the project while in office, was given the honor of cutting the ribbon.

Joining Supervisor Romaine and former Councilman Tim Mazzei at the event were Councilman-elect Neil Foley, Assemblyman Ed Hennessey, Assemblyman-elect Dean Murray and Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri. Also in attendance were members of the Focus East Patchogue civic organization, as well as local residents and business owners.

Pictured left to right are Focus East Patchogue member Tom Berger, Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri, local business owner Kevin McGiff, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Patchogue resident Peter Quatrala, Councilman-elect Neil Foley, Assemblyman-elect Dean Murray, former Councilman Tim Mazzei and Focus East Patchogue member John Quatrala.

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The new Swan River Preserve is the latest effort by the Town to improve the area known as the "East Main Street Corridor." In 2011, then Councilman Mazzei led the efforts to demolish the blighted Plaza Theatre building and the construction of a sanitary sewer system which is connected to the Village of Patchogue sewage treatment plant. All three projects were aimed at there vitalization of the area and to encourage business development.

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