

Councilman Foley Announces Tuthills Creek Watershed Management Plan Meeting to be Held at Patchogue-Medford Library on February 4

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Farmingville, NY - Councilman Neil Foley has announced that the first public meeting of the Town's Tuthills Creek Watershed Management Plan will be held on Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm at the Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 Main Street in Patchogue Village. It will be the first opportunity for the public to provide input into the planning process which will include ongoing public participation opportunities through public meetings, use of the Tuthills Creek Watershed Management Plan website and social media.

The plan is a joint partnership with the Town of Brookhaven, the Incorporated Village of Patchogue and the Town of Islip, and funded in part by the New York State Department of State Division of Coastal Resources.

Councilman Neil Foley said, "The ecology of Tuthills Creek has a significant impact on many lakes and streams, as well as the wildlife that make it their home. It's important that we address the issues now so the natural beauty of this environmental gem can be enjoyed by future generations."

Tuthills Creek is a tributary to Patchogue Bay and the South Shore Estuary Reserve. It discharges into Patchogue Bay, which is included on the New York State 303(d) list of impaired waters due to bacterial contamination, causing year-round closures of shellfish beds. The development of a Watershed Management Plan for Tuthills Creek will serve as a long-term strategy for the protection and restoration of water quality and ensure compatible land use and development.

For more information, visit www.tuthillscreekwmp.wordpress.com or e-mail Veronica King at vking@brookhaven.org.

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