

# Councilman Panico Saves 5 Parcels for Open Space

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**Farmingville, NY** - On October 11, 2012, Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico authorized the acquisition of five parcels of Suffolk County owned land in Mastic for open space. These parcels were slated to be auctioned off by the County. With the assistance of Suffolk County Legislator Ed Romaine, and at the request of Councilman Panico, these parcels were removed from the County auction list for purposes of preservation

"Simply said, the last thing that the Mastic area needs is to continue the pattern of overdevelopment on small lots that are a direct cause of the diminution of water quality in the Forge River," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "As soon as I became aware of the fact that these substandard lots in close proximity to the headwaters of the Forge River were going to be auctioned off, I immediately contacted Legislator Romaine's office and they got to work to pull these parcels off the County auction list. We need to reverse the overdevelopment trend that has gotten us into this position and always realize that our drinking water is below our feet."

The location of the Mastic parcels are three parcels on Midland Avenue, one parcel on Oakland Avenue and one parcel on Titmus Drive. Councilman Panico is appreciative of the unyielding work by Suffolk County Legislator Ed Romaine and his staff as well as our Town of Brookhaven land management team in making this preservation a reality.

For more information about the Town of Brookhaven and/or to follow the achievements and actions that Councilman Panico is taking to improve our communities, please go to [www.brookhaven.org](http://www.brookhaven.org).

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