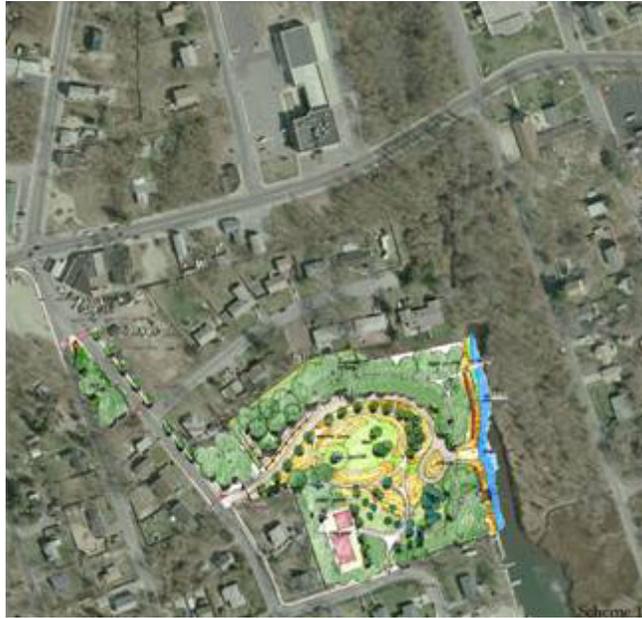


Councilman Panico Announces that Bayview Park in Mastic Beach has been Selected in Scotts Miracle-Gro Competition

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Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico is pleased to announce that the Scotts Miracle Gro Corporation has selected Bayview Park in Mastic Beach as a winner of the Scotts Miracle-Gro's 1,000 Gardens and Green Space Initiative. The Town of Brookhaven is one of 5 markets selected to receive a showcase garden or green space this year.

"This is a wonderful victory for the residents of Mastic Beach," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "While the bulk of the work to create this park will be done by Town parks and waste personnel, the community will be actively involved in this park's creation. I have already met with members of the William Floyd School District, Mastic Beach Village Officials, Mastic Beach Property Owner's Association, and Pattersquash Creek Civic Association to get the word out about this program. It is my sincere hope that together as one community the people of Mastic Beach will work shoulder to shoulder during a weekend plant-in to help create what will become a serene passive park with an eventual kayak launching ramp on the creek."

Scotts Miracle-Gro is awarding \$10,000 grants for the development of gardens and green spaces in the United States, Canada and Europe. Grants will consist of a total of \$5,000 monetary and up to \$5,000 in-kind materials from Scotts Miracle-Gro as part of Keep America Beautiful's signature program

"This is the perfect place for the community to help construct a new park for all to enjoy," said Supervisor Lesko. "I thank Scott's for selecting the Town to be part of their 1,000 Gardens and Green Space Initiative. I look forward to walking through the new Bayview Park later in the year."

"The exact date of the plant-in is still being determined and will be announced shortly," concluded Panico.

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