

Supervisor Romaine and Town Board Adopt Legislation on Four Environmental Related Issues

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Farmingville, NY - At the April 23 Town Board meeting, four resolutions were adopted by Supervisor Ed Romaine and the Town Board that cover a wide range of environmental issues including storm water run off, environmental education, shellfish planting and protecting the Peconic Estuary. Each resolution received unanimous support.

"This being Earth month, I couldn't think of a better time to focus our attention on the environment," said Supervisor Romaine, "As elected officials, it's our responsibility to do everything we can to assure that the generations who follow us inherit a Brookhaven Town that's a cleaner, greener place to live."

The resolutions adopted by the Town Board include:

Storm Water Education

The Town will submit a grant application through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Long Island Sound Futures Fund to develop an animated storm water education video for educational facilities throughout the Town. The aim of the video is to educate youngsters about storm water run-off. The video will be available for viewing on the Town's website, public access channel 18 and in kiosks at various environmental facilities throughout the Town.

Interpretive Signs at Cedar Beach

The Town will submit a separate grant application through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to develop and install interpretive signs along the public access trails of Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai. The signs will augment the formal education program of the Mount Sinai Marine Stewardship Center and enhance the planned upgrades to the interpretive exhibits at the center.

Peconic Estuary Protection Committee

The Town will execute an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the New York State Department of Transportation, the Town of Southold and the villages of Dering Harbor, Greenport, North Haven and Sag Harbor to form the Peconic Estuary Protection Committee. The committee goals include improving water quality, restoring and enhancing tidal wetlands, controlling and reducing pollution, achieving compliance with federal and state regulations and coordinating local coastal regulations to maximize environmental protection efforts. Funding will come from contributions from each municipality.

Shellfish Restoration

The Town will sign a one year agreement renewal with Coastal Steward, Inc. to assist in the restoration of the shellfish population in Brookhaven Town waters. Coastal Steward is a not-for-profit organization whose focus is on environmental restoration and providing the services for growing shellfish and placing them in protected sanctuaries.

To learn more about Supervisor Romaine's green initiatives, visit www.brookhaven.org.

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