

Romaine Calls on County To Dredge Over A Dozen Waterways in Brookhaven

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Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine today requested that the County of Suffolk dredge more than a dozen locations across the Town during the 2013/2014 dredging season. Sites for dredge spoils for each location, which are either owned by the Town or where an agreement is in place to accept spoils, was also included in order to expedite the request. Dredging season spans from October to January every year. Pictured above are Ward Melville Heritage Association President Gloria Rocchio, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Stony Brook Yacht Club Vice Commodore Dennis Lynch.

In addition, Supervisor Romaine announced that the Town Board has approved a resolution to partially fund the dredging of Stony Brook Harbor. The project includes Porpoise Channel (Smithtown) and the Stony Brook Yacht Club Spur (Town of Brookhaven). The Yacht Club Spur is a channel of approximately 2,400 feet in length and 100 feet wide. It will be dredged to seven feet below the mean low water mark. Between 20,000 and 25,000 cubic yards of sand will be removed hydraulically and pumped onto Long Beach in Smithtown for beach re-nourishment. The dredging will begin this November and is scheduled to be completed by December 15.

"Dredging our waterways is essential for both the economic and ecologic health of our region, said Supervisor Romaine, who is a past member of the Suffolk County Dredge Project Screen Committee. "Keeping these channels safe, open and usable on a consistent basis is essential for the health of these waterways, and for boaters to safely enjoy during the summer months. These rivers, creeks and channels are important economic arteries for restaurants, marinas, local businesses, and our Fire Island communities."

Priority locations for dredging identified by the Town include Swan River in Patchogue, Mud Creek in East Patchogue, West Meadow Creek in Stony Brook, Tuthills Cove in East Moriches, Corey Creek in Blue Point, and Newport Beach at the Heils Creek entrance in East Moriches.

The Town also requested maintenance dredging at Senixand AreskonkCreeks in Center Moriches; the entrance channels at Fire Island Pines and Water Island on Fire Island; Tuthills Creek entrance in Patchogue, and the Beaver Dam Creek and Carmans River entrances in Brookhaven.

