

Supervisor Romaine, Councilman Mazzei, Highway Superintendent Losquadro and Patchogue Mayor Pontieri Announce Inter Municipal Agreement for Village to Maintain Storm Basin Filters

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Farmingville, NY - On May 29, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilman Tim Mazzei, Highway Superintendent Losquadro and Patchogue Mayor Paul Pontieri announced an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) for the Village to maintain the Town's storm basin filters within close proximity to the Village/Town borders. The press conference was held at the Corey North Marina in Blue Point. Also at the press conference was Jeffrey Fullmer, Watershed and Regulatory Services Coordinator at Fabco Industries, Inc., manufacturers of the filters. Pictured left to right are Mr. Fullmer, Superintendent of Highways Losquadro, Mayor Pontieri, Village Trustee Joe Keys, Patchogue Superintendent of Public Works Joe Dean and Town Storm Water Manager Veronica King.

The IMA with the Village is a two-year pilot program whereby storm basin filters will be placed in 18 Town-owned basins with a direct discharge to surface water. The Village will maintain these filters for the Town for the duration of the pilot. The storm basin filters, a product of Long Island-based Fabco Industries, will remove pollutants from storm water that would otherwise discharge directly to our surface waters every time it rains. Four tributaries have been selected for the project, all of which drain to the South Shore Estuary Reserve. The tributaries are Corey Creek in Blue Point, Tuthill's Creek and the Patchogue River in Patchogue, and Swan River in East Patchogue.

"I thank Mayor Pontieri and Highway Superintendent Losquadro for their cooperative effort to protect our waterways," said Supervisor Romaine. "This IMA is a true partnership between the Town and Village that saves taxpayers money and is good for the environment."

"The economy of Patchogue Village relies heavily on our rivers and the Great South Bay to attract people for entertainment, recreation and tourism," said Mayor Pontieri. "It's important that we do our best to keep them clean and this IMA goes a long way in helping to do that. I look forward to working with Supervisor Romaine to find more ways for the Town and Village to work together to benefit our residents."

Councilman Mazzei said, "Our south shore rivers and creeks are precious resources that need special attention to keep them flowing clean water into the Great South Bay. The Village of Patchogue has been a good partner for many years and I commend the Mayor for continuing to work with the Town on this and other projects."

"The installation of these storm basin filters will remove pollutants that otherwise would have made their way into the South Shore Estuary Reserve," said Daniel P. Losquadro, Brookhaven Town Superintendent of Highways. "With Patchogue Village providing the maintenance of these filters, it will ensure minimal overflow discharge during the heaviest of rains. This is a great partnership that will significantly benefit several waterways along the South Shore."

Daniel P. Losquadro * Highway Superintendent

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