

## Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Keperth Oversee Demolition of Dilapidated House in Middle Island

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**Farmingville, NY** - On May 4, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilwoman Connie Keperth (left) were on hand for the demolition of a dilapidated, condemned house at 6 Lake Drive in Middle Island. The house, located on Artist Lake, was condemned in 2009 and has since been the source of numerous community complaints. The former owners were issued many violations from the Town before Suffolk County seized the property as a result of unpaid taxes. The Town recently acquired the property from the County and quickly took action to demolish the house. The parcel will be cleared of debris, graded and preserved as open space.

Supervisor Romaine said, "This property will forever remain as open space to preserve the beauty of Artist Lake and protect its water quality by removing a septic system from its shore. I thank the County for working with us to help remove this blight and commend our Law, Building and Waste Management Departments for their efforts to clean it up."

"This parcel has long been an eyesore that has negatively impacted the surrounding neighborhood. The land lies along the shores of the environmentally significant Artist Lake and is a valuable open space acquisition," stated Councilwoman Connie Keperth. "I am pleased that the Town continues to partner with Suffolk County in a combined effort to protect land for our future generations."

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