Farmingville, NY - On July 9th, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) attended the North Fork Environmental Council Award night where he honored Mel Morris (right) as the Richard Noncarrow Environmentalist of the Year. The event was held at the Mattituck Park District's Veterans Park Community Room.

This year, the NFEC awarded Mr. Morris for his commitment to get regional youth interested and involved in local environmental issues and research. A resident of Mattituck, he serves as Manager, Special Projects for the Office of Educational Programs at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He also works with the Office of Educational Programs' GREEEn Institute (Gaining Research Experience in the Environment) helping thousands of children and young adults from kindergarten to graduate school get hands on experience in environmental studies throughout Suffolk County.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Mel is a driving force for the environment and someone who I admire for his commitment to helping young people understand and appreciate what we have here on Long Island. The work that he does to make our community a greener place to live will have a great impact for generations to come."

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