

Town Demolishes New York Rising “Zombie House” on Huntington Drive in Mastic Beach

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Farmingville, NY – On January 17, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left), Councilman Dan Panico (center) and Suffolk County Legislator Rudy Sunderman were on hand for the demolition of a vacant house located at 16 Huntington Drive in Mastic Beach. The house was acquired by the Town through the New York Rising program, and the now empty lot will be preserved as wetlands. The New York Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program is a participatory recovery and resiliency initiative established to provide assistance to 124 communities severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee.

Supervisor Romaine said, “There are many zombie houses in the Mastic Beach community that we will be demolishing in 2018 and this is the first one. These houses have a negative impact on property values in the neighborhood and the quality of life of the nearby residents who take pride in their homes. It’s all part of our commitment to clean up Brookhaven Town.”

Councilman Panico said, “Although the Town has demolished and cleaned up more than 20 homes during the tenure of the village, this marks the first demolition in the advent of the disincorporation of the area. We will continue to demolish zombie properties under the law and will work through every facet of local government to raise the quality of life in Mastic Beach. We are committed to the people.”

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