

Assemblyman Murray Presents Councilman Loguercio with DEC Permit to Dredge and Remove Invasive Species in Lower Yaphank Lake

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Farmingville, NY – On October 31, Assemblyman Dean Murray presented Councilman Michael Loguercio with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permit allowing the Town to begin dredging Lower Yaphank Lake. The project, which will commence in the Spring of 2018, will consist of pulling the boards from the dam and lowering the lake. Once the boards are pulled and the 25-acre lake is drained, crews from the Town's Department of Recycling and Sustainable Materials will dredge it and remove the invasive species, including Cabomba weed and layers of sediment from the lake bottom. The dredge spoils will be live fed into trucks and disposed of at the Brookhaven Town Landfill. When the dredging is complete, the boards will be replaced and the lake will be restored to its full depth of approximately 7 feet. Lower Yaphank Lake, also known as Lily Lake, is part of the Carmans River system and a popular destination for recreational boating and fishing.

Assemblyman Murray said, "I'm very happy that we are finally able to move forward in cleaning up and reviving this beautiful lake. I want to personally thank the members of the Yaphank Taxpayers and Civic Association and my partners in government, in particular, Brookhaven Councilman Michael Loguercio, for their perseverance and dedication."

Supervisor Romaine said, "Lower Yaphank Lake has been unsuitable for fishing and boating for many years and I am happy that we can now move ahead with our plans to have it dredged. I commend Councilman Loguercio and Assemblyman Murray for working together to bring this project along."

Councilman Loguercio said, "I thank Assemblyman Murray for his support and the Yaphank Taxpayers and Civic Association for their efforts to keep the need for dredging the lake in the forefront. For more than 250 years, this lake has been an important part of life in the Yaphank community and I look forward to getting this job started."

Pictured left to right are Yaphank Taxpayers and Civic Association (YTCA) member Al Curiale; Supervisor Ed Romaine; YTCA president Linda Peterson; Councilman Michael Loguercio; YTCA member John Stehle; YTCA Vice President Chad Trusnovec; Assemblyman Dean Murray; Councilman Dan Panico; Assemblyman Steve Englebright and Yaphank resident Josephine Curiale.

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