

# Supervisor Romaine, Councilman Panico Attend Eelgrass Workshop Sponsored by the Moriches Bay Project

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**Farmingville, NY** – Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Panico recently attended an Eelgrass Workshop hosted in cooperation with the nonprofit organization the Moriches Bay Project and Cornell Cooperative Extension at Windswept Marina in East Moriches.

This grassroots organization is dedicated to improving the water quality in Moriches Bay – once plentiful with a variety of shellfish – through eelgrass plantings and oyster farming. Eelgrass is a flowering underwater plant found in brackish and salt waters that serves as a natural home for many aquatic species, including flounder and bay scallops. Eelgrass beds are also crucial to protecting the shoreline from erosion and to the overall improvement of health and productivity in our bays, which is why the Moriches Bay Project concentrates much of its efforts on eelgrass planting initiatives.

“The Town is committed to improve the water quality of Moriches Bay and all of our coastal and inland waterways,” said Supervisor Romaine. “I thank the members Moriches Bay Project for their efforts to establish the eelgrass workshop and their commitment to protect and preserve the environment.”

“The Town has partnered with this most worthwhile organization because we clearly understand the importance of water quality in our local waterways, and we will continue to support their efforts because we too care about the future of Moriches Bay,” said Councilman Panico.

“The Moriches Bay Project is proud to have partnered with Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico on this Eelgrass workshop. Their support of a small project like ours is inspiring and it shows just how much they really care about improving the quality in our local bays,” said Moriches Bay Project Co-founder Laura Fabrizio.

For more information about the Moriches Bay Project, visit [www.MorichesBayProject.org](http://www.MorichesBayProject.org)

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