

Supervisor Romaine Meets with NYS Brookhaven Delegation in Albany to Discuss Pine Barrens Core Expansion Legislation

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New law to include the proposed 800 acre LIPA/PSEG-LI Shoreham Solar Farm site

Farmingville, NY – On April 25, Supervisor Ed Romaine traveled to Albany to meet with State Senator Ken LaValle (left photo), Assemblyman Steve Englebright (right photo) and Assemblymen Dean Murray, Anthony Palumbo and Fred Thiele, Jr. to discuss proposed state legislation to expand the Long Island Central Pine Barrens Core Preservation Area. The expansion, which includes forested areas in Shoreham and Mastic, would increase the Core by approximately 1,100 acres. The Shoreham site includes approximately 800 acres that LIPA/PSEGLI has proposed to clear cut trees for the construction of a solar farm adjacent to the closed Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant. Supervisor Romaine, Senator LaValle and Assemblyman Englebright have stood in strong opposition since the plan was announced in June of 2016.

Supervisor Romaine said, "I thank the Brookhaven delegation in the Senate and Assembly for their unanimous support of this legislation. Expanding the core will assure that these forested areas are preserved as open space and remain accessible to everyone. We cannot allow clear cutting to destroy acres upon acres of woodland that are so important to our environment."

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