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Protecting Open Space on Long Island's North Shore

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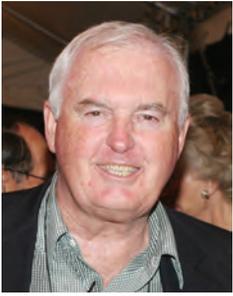
BALLOT MEASURES ACROSS LONG ISLAND CREATE \$660 MILLION IN ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING

Town of Oyster Bay \$60 Million S.E.A. Fund III Environmental Bond Passes with 72% Majority

The passage of this measure was extraordinarily important to our community as more than 65% of Nassau County's open space is located in the Town of Oyster Bay. \$30 million will be spent on open space acquisition and \$30 million for parks improvement.

The health of our aquifer depends on preserving the open spaces that protect water quality. Without the passage of this bond measure, there would be no more funds for open space acquisition in all of Nassau County in 2008. Proceeds from the \$100 million Nassau County bond have been committed wisely, yet hundreds of environmentally significant acres remain to be protected.

Our thanks go out to Town residents who supported this measure so enthusiastically and to Supervisor John Venditto and the Town Board for placing this important measure on the November 6th ballot.



Dear Friends of Open Space,

I want to thank you for your active support of the mission of the North Shore Land Alliance (NSLA) over the past year. From donating to our Annual Wine Auction Dinner, to supporting *Oyster Bay Citizens for Clean Water, Open Space and Parks*, to writing letters and putting up signs, to calling us when conservation opportunities arise in your villages, you have made a real difference in conservation. We count on your support in the future.

Because of your support we, as a conservation organization, are at that illusive moment of readiness when we need to move to the next level: LAND ACQUISITION. We continue to see, almost on a daily basis, that our most beautiful places, like the Banfi Fields, Rottkamp Farms, Mill Pond, Upper and Lower Francis's Ponds, Brookville Nursery and more, are in jeopardy of development. Thankfully, some of our local governments are stepping up to the plate but they cannot do it all. Indeed, both Nassau and Suffolk Counties would have run out of land acquisition funds this year without the passage of the Town of Oyster Bay Bond and Suffolk County Quarter-Cent Sales Tax Extension.

To react quickly to important conservation opportunities, NSLA has launched a campaign to fund a CONSERVATION ACTION FUND ("CAF"). The CAF is a revolving fund to be used to acquire land or conservation easements on priority land parcels within NSLA's target area. The CAF will allow NSLA to make rapid commitments to priority land transactions and will be used only to acquire land or conservation easements (not for administrative or other purposes).

Our initial target is to raise \$1.0 million for the CAF with plans to grow the Fund to \$10 million in the next several years. \$300,000 is already committed in matching grants. We need to raise the remaining \$700,000 by September 30, 2008 in order to qualify for these generous matching grants.

Our first commitment for the Conservation Action Fund will be to assist Nassau County in purchasing as much of the Banfi Fields as the owners are willing to sell.

Please continue to make a difference and help us meet the Conservation Action Fund Challenge. Donations can be made to the NSLA Conservation Action Fund. Please also consider deferred giving donations to the Fund in your will.

Your children and grandchildren
will thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carter F. Bales
Chair



Banfi Fields in Summer

BALLOT MEASURES

(cont. from page 1)

Suffolk County's Quarter-Cent Sales Tax Passes with 56% Majority

The passage of this measure extends the life of the existing quarter-penny sales tax drinking water protection program from 2013 to 2030 and will generate approximately \$600 million for environmental preservation and stewardship.

Without the passage of this extension Suffolk County would have run out of open space protection funds at the end of this year. With land disappearing at such an alarming rate, it is very important for Suffolk County to be able to purchase important conservation lands while they are still available.

The Town of Brookhaven loses the battle for the Community Preservation Act with 61% against and 39% in support.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) allows towns to levy a 2-percent real estate transfer tax, with the proceeds going into a community preservation fund to protect open space. First-time buyers and \$250,000 of the purchase price are exempt from the tax. A similar program which has been in existence in the five East End Towns of Long Island for several years has raised \$450 million and protected 6,000 acres.

The Brookhaven CPA would have raised as much as \$30 million a year until 2025 and preserved approximately 5,000 acres in one of Long Island's fastest-growing communities.



Old Westbury Lane

As stated in Newsday, "This tax asks buyers of land or buildings to invest a small, one-time tax payment in preserving the quality of life that persuaded them to buy in Brookhaven. It's a tax on a few, but without it, the 5,000 acres that might have been saved will sprout houses and businesses, generating more costs in services than they contribute in revenue, thus raising everyone's taxes."

Congratulations to all the supporters of winning measures and thank you to the voters that supported them. You have chosen wisely.

THE BOND CAMPAIGNS

Author Thomas L. Friedman remarked in a recent article, *Save the Planet: Vote Smart*, that his friends often asked him what is the most important thing they can do to “go green”. He said, and we at NSLA agree, that the most important thing is to get out and vote for the people and the issues that are going to affect our environment. Friedman, in his clever style, said anyone could change a light bulb but “when leaders change the rules, you get scale change across the whole world”.



Newly re-elected Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto
At Bond Act Rally

Speaking of scale, we at NSLA could work tirelessly for the next 30 years and have great difficulty raising the \$60 million in open space acquisition and parks funding that local leaders chose to place on the ballot and Town of Oyster Bay voters approved in one day. And, in 30 years, the majority of the land would be gone.

The potential is even more staggering when you look at the Suffolk County ballot measures. The extension of the quarter-cent sales tax created the opportunity to raise \$600 million for open space and farmland protection, and parks and stewardship funding over the next 20 years. The passage of the Brookhaven

Community Preservation Act would have created a source for \$500 million in open space funding for one of Long Island’s fastest-growing communities.

To increase the likelihood of these measure’s passing, NSLA worked, once again, to form a coalition of 25 like-minded organizations called *Oyster Bay Citizens for Clean Water, Open Space and Parks* and organized a campaign to ensure the passage of the Town of Oyster Bay \$60 million bond. The Nature Conservancy, the Long Island Pine Barrens Society, Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Organization, Peconic Land Trust, Citizens Campaign for the Environment and others did the same for the Suffolk County measures.

In non-presidential election years like this one, it was important to remind people to get out and vote. In the Town of Oyster Bay, NSLA sent three different brochures to 40,000 of the most likely voters three times. We ran ads in local newspapers and organized electronic calling to over 26,000 households to remind people to vote, look above the candidates’ names for the ballot measures and “vote yes” on Proposition 2. Apologies to those of our members that hate the recorded messages but they cost only 7 cents per call and are very efficient in reaching a lot of people in a timely manner.



Direct mail No. 1

THE BOND CAMPAIGNS

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The Nature Conservancy (TNC) took on the most difficult campaign of all. TNC and its members invested heavily in support of the Brookhaven Community Preservation Act. This 2% real estate transfer tax which has been extraordinarily successful in generating open space funding in the East End Towns of Long Island has great potential to be a sustainable source for open space funding throughout New York State. The complexity of their campaign required nine persuasion mail pieces, two strong weeks of television advertising and hundreds of volunteer hours spent by every TNC staff member. We thank TNC for this extraordinary effort.

We are most grateful to our members and friends for their generous acts of support from financial contributions to the campaigns, writing letters to the editor in their local papers, showing up at press conferences, sending mass e-mails to their friends, placing signs in their yards and much, much more.

It is a sincere pleasure working with all of you. We look forward to celebrating the important lands that will be protected as the result of this bond and look forward to what next year will bring.

Many thanks to the members of the *Coalition for the Oyster Bay Citizens for Clean Water, Open Space and Parks.*

- Audubon New York*
- Citizens Campaign for the Environment*
- Coalition to Save Red Spring Woods*
- Concerned Citizens of Plainview/Old Bethpage Community, Inc.*
- East Norwich Civic Association*
- East Nassau League of Women's Voters*
- Friends of the Bay*
- Friends of Hempstead Plains at Nassau Community College*
- Long Island Drinking Water Coalition, Inc.*
- Long Island Environmental Voters Forum*
- Long Island Pine Barrens Society*
- Long Island Sierra Club*
- Nassau Land Trust*
- New York League of Conservation Voters*
- North Shore Land Alliance*
- Residents for a More Beautiful Syosset*
- The Nature Conservancy on Long Island*
- The Conservation Campaign*
- The Neighborhood Network*
- Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center*
- Town Supervisor John Venditto, Town of Oyster Bay*
- Town of Oyster Bay Council Members Delligati, Muscarella, Macagnone, Coshignano, Walker and Faughnan*
- Trust for Public Land*
- Vision Long Island*
- Water for Long Island*



Direct mail No. 2



Direct mail No. 3

LOCAL LAND CONSERVATION UPDATE

Town of Oyster Bay

As we were campaigning this year for the Town of Oyster Bay Bond, people asked again and again about what SEA Fund I and SEA Fund II had purchased. Approximately 80 acres were purchased from North to South. They are listed here:

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| 1. Littauer's Hillside Farm,
Oyster Bay Cove/Syosset | 5. Underhill Property, Muttontown |
| 2. Oyster Bay Triangle Park, Oyster Bay Hamlet
(across from Boys and Girls Club) | 6. Liberty Industrial Site, Farmingdale |
| 3. Mill Pond House, Oyster Bay Hamlet | 7. Borella Field, Bethpage |
| 4. Mill Pond Overlook, Oyster Bay Hamlet | 8. Andrews Road, Hicksville |
| | 9. United Vanguard, Hicksville |
| | 10. Field of Dreams, Massapequa |

New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) selected 200 parks from Buffalo to Montauk Point and the number one and two parks chosen were in the Town of Oyster Bay. Those parks were John J. Burns Park in Massapequa and the Syosset Woodbury Community Park. Congratulations to the Town of Oyster Bay for being good stewards of our lands.

There is much work that remains to be done in the Town of Oyster Bay. Over 65% of the Oyster Bay Special Groundwater Protection Area is located within the Town's borders. We look forward to many more contributions to our environment with the passage of S.E.A Fund III.



Hillside Farm, Oyster Bay Cove



Triangle Park, Oyster Bay Hamlet



Mill Pond House, Oyster Bay Hamlet



Underhill Property, Muttontown



Field of Dreams, Massapequa



Liberty Industrial Site, Farmingdale



Borella Field, Bethpage



Andrews Road, Hicksville



United Vanguard, Hicksville

LOCAL LAND CONSERVATION UPDATE

Nassau County

The Advisory Committee for the 2006 \$100 million Bond has completed its work and presented its recommendations to County Executive Tom Suozzi.

The Advisory Committee met over 19 times from January 17, 2007 through September 26, 2007 to review and consider the nominations. The number of individual properties and projects nominated are as follows:

Open space acquisition	95
Park improvement	89
Storm water remediation	57
Brownfield redevelopment	15
Total	256



Upper Francis Pond, Mill Neck

Factors considered in reviewing and ranking nominations for open space acquisition included:

- Protection of ecological resources, including groundwater and surface water
- Preservation of farmland
- Extent of required future maintenance and the likelihood that maintenance of the property would be performed by an entity other than Nassau County
- Proximity to existing conserved land
- Accessibility to the public

In light of the large number of nominations, the Advisory Committee sought to leverage the Bond Act funds to the maximum extent possible. For open space acquisition, special consideration was given to those properties whose owners were willing to conserve land in addition to that purchased with Bond Act funds, or where additional funds had been identified by a local municipality or third party. For park improvement, storm water remediation and brownfield redevelopment projects, important consideration was given to the willingness of the nominating entity or the involved municipality to provide matching funds.

LOCAL LAND CONSERVATION UPDATE

Based on the properties and projects recommended for funding by the Advisory Committee, a breakdown of the number, total proposed funding amount and percentage of the \$100 million Bond Act for each of the nomination types are provided below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Park improvement	37	\$8,366,000	9
Storm water remediation	25	\$10,439,000	11
Brownfield redevelopment	5	\$3,778,000	4
Open space acquisition	up to 28	\$77,417,000*	76

* Includes \$5 million for program administration (property appraisals, environmental assessments, bond issuance costs, title insurance, property taxes and engineering services)

Based on an average cost per acre of \$300,000, it is estimated that approximately 260 acres will be purchased with the proceeds of the 2006 Bond. Appraisals are in progress and it is the County Executive's hope to announce the list in mid-November 2007.



Old Mill Farm, Muttontown

FEDERAL UPDATE - THE FARM BILL AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE VOTES ON FARM BILL

On October 25th, the Senate Agriculture Committee approved a farm bill that includes many of the policy changes land trusts wanted to see in the Natural Resources Conservation Service's conservation easement programs for working agricultural lands. But the funding levels for those programs are much smaller than those approved by the House earlier this year.

The Senate bill provides about \$4 billion above the budget baseline for conservation programs. The House bill puts about \$500 million more into land conservation programs than the Senate, distributed among the many US Department of Agriculture conservation programs. The land trust community had pressed for at least \$5 billion in the Senate.

The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (renamed the Farmland Protection Program (FPP) in the Senate bill) would get \$485 million over five years and the Grassland Reserve Program (renamed the Working Grassland Reserve (WGR) in the bill) would get \$240 million. The House bill provided much more ~ \$995 million for FPP and \$330 million for WGR. A number of amendments will be offered that may provide extra funds, including an amendment expected from Senators Dorgan (D-ND) and Grassley (R-IA) to limit the maximum amount of farm program payments to any individual. That would free up funds to be used elsewhere, and we are hopeful that part of those funds will be used to enhance FPP and WGR funding. Rottkamp Fields,



Rottkamp Fields, Old Brookville

**HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS END-OF-YEAR TAX
PACKAGE INCLUDES
CONSERVATION EASEMENT EXTENSION**

The Senate Agriculture Committee did not adopt the tax provisions passed by the Finance Committee several weeks ago - those provisions (including making the new incentive for conservation easement donations permanent) will be added to the Senate farm bill as an amendment on the Senate floor. So far, this initiative seems to be in good shape.

On the House side, Ways and Means Committee Chair Charles Rangel (D-NY) released a draft of a major tax reform bill, which included extensions of expiring provisions. Those "extenders" are likely to move forward on their own, without the rest of the tax reform package, later this year. Chairman Rangel's extender provisions include a one year extension of all of the charitable giving incentives passed in last year's



Pension Protection Act, including the new incentive for donations of conservation easements.

Clearly, there is more to be done on the House side to give priority to making the conservation easement incentive permanent!

Old Brookville



Hillside Farm Fowl



Rottkamp Fields, Old Brookville

NASSAU COUNTY OFFICIALS HONORED AT 2007 OPEN SPACE AWARDS DINNER

NSLA was joined by 24 civic, environmental and conservation groups in honoring local elected officials on Thursday, July 19th at the 2007 Nassau County Open Space Awards Dinner.

County Executive Thomas Suozzi, Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto, Majority Leader Judith Jacobs, Minority Leader Peter Schmitt, the Honorable May Newberger, members of the Nassau County Legislature and Town of Oyster Bay Council members were honored for the enormous strides that have been made in protecting our land and water for generations to come.

The overall purpose of the evening was to celebrate the wonderful contributions these elected officials, collectively, have made to the future of our area, to educate each other about the significant places in our own communities and to work together to protect these places while we still can.

After a buffet supper, the event began with a photo essay of properties protected, properties lost and some really great opportunities that still exist. In planning the evening, NSLA realized that many of the attendees had not had the opportunity to visit all of the parks and open spaces that their good works had affected.

Luis Rinaldini, NSLA Vice Chairman, presented the first award to County Executive Thomas Suozzi for signing into law both the 2004 and 2006 Environmental Bond Acts which have raised \$150 million protecting, to date, 119 acres of land and improving 18 parks countywide.

NSLA Board Chairman, Carter Bales, presented the award to Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor

John Venditto for his leadership role in the 2000 and 2004 Town of Oyster Bay Save Environmental Assets Fund Bonds (SEA Fund I and II) and his precedent setting work in developing local zoning regulations to protect natural and historic areas.

Supervisor Venditto

announced that he would be placing a \$60 million SEA Fund III Bond on the ballot this November.

Neal Lewis, Executive Director of The Neighborhood Network, presented the award to Majority Leader Judith Jacobs for her tireless work in guiding this important law through the legislative process in both 2004 and 2006. Minority Leader Peter Schmitt received his award from Richard Amper, Executive Director of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society. Mr. Amper praised Minority Leader Schmitt for his understanding of the importance of open space protection.



County legislators join NSLA Board Members at the Barn

OPEN SPACE AWARDS

Joshua Klainberg, New York League of Conservation Voters, praised award recipient May Newberger, the former supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead, for being the first to place on the ballot an environmental bond, the Legacy Fund.

Nancy Kelley and Kevin McDonald of The Nature Conservancy presented individual awards to members of the Nassau County Legislature. They were followed by Adrienne Esposito of Citizens Campaign for the Environment and Matt Meng from the Long Island Environmental Voters Forum who presented awards to the Oyster Bay Town Board members.

Other environmental groups that were represented at the dinner include: Audubon New York, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, Friends of Bailey Arboretum, Friends of the Bay, Friends of Old Westbury Gardens, Friends of Sands Point Preserve, Friends of Tanglewood and Takapausha Preserves, Greentree Foundation, Lakeview 21st Century, Long Island Environmental Voters Forum, Long Island Pine Barrens Society, Neighborhood Network, North Shore Land Alliance, North Shore Wildlife Sanctuary, NY League of Conservation Voters, Operation SPLASH, Rauch Foundation, Save the Jewel by the Bay, Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, The Nature Conservancy, Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary and the Trust for Public Land.



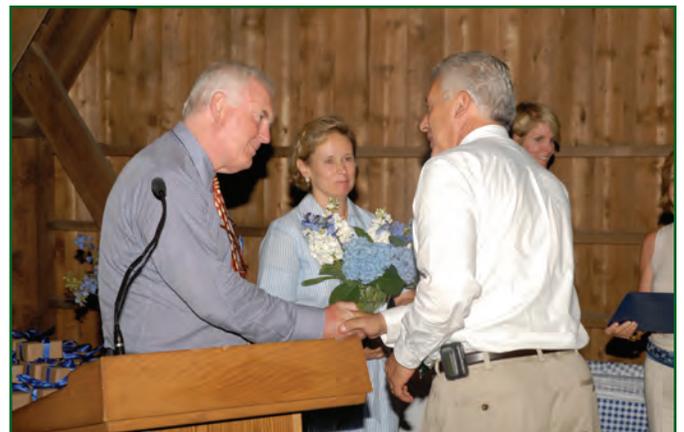
Luis Rinaldini, NSLA Vice Chair , pays tribute to County Executive Thomas Suozzi



Legislator Kewan Abrahams with NSLA Associate Director Carol Schmidlapp



Lisa Ott, NSLA President with Honoree May Newberger



Carter Bales, NSLA Chair, congratulates Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto

PROTECTING LONG ISLAND'S DRINKING WATER

In 1986 the State Legislature enacted a moratorium on drilling into the Lloyd Sands aquifer, the oldest, deepest and most pristine of the three aquifers that supply Long Island's drinking water. This law, Environmental Conservation Law §15-1528, reserves the Lloyd Sands water for "coastal communities" facing an emergency due to salt water intrusion, and prevents new wells from being drilled in non coastal communities except in cases of "just cause and extreme hardship". When this law was enacted, the legislature mandated the Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") to devise a comprehensive policy for use of the Lloyd aquifer.

In May 2005, NSLA learned that the Suffolk County Water Authority ("SCWA") had applied for an exemption from the moratorium to drill a new well into the Lloyd aquifer in the Middleville Road area of East Northport. The well had been closed due to high nitrate and percholate levels and other contaminants. Nitrates, largely present due to lawn fertilizers and sewage, can cause serious health problems in babies. SCWA proposed to drill a new well into the Lloyd and blend the pure Lloyd water with the contaminated water in order to bring the nitrate levels within acceptable levels.

SCWA presented two arguments in support of its application. First, SCWA submitted that the Middleville Road well was located in a "coastal community" as defined by the statute which defines a "coastal community" as one where the Magothy aquifer is absent or contaminated with chlorides. Second, SCWA posited that treating the contaminated water at the Middleville Road well would be too costly thus demonstrating "extreme hardship" under the statute.

NSLA joined a coalition of groups and individuals in opposing the water authority's application on two grounds. The first was that the contaminated well was not located in a "coastal community" and thus was not exempt from the moratorium. To allow

SCWA to bypass the law on that basis would set a precedent that other non-coastal communities could follow to gain access to the Lloyd, thus putting in jeopardy the water supply of true coastal communities faced with emergencies from salt water intrusion. The second ground was that the water authority had not met the very high statutory bar of "extreme hardship", and in fact, could well afford other options such as new technology to treat the contaminated water.

After an adjudicatory hearing in September 2006, the administrative law judge found that SCWA was not a "coastal community" as defined by the statute, but did find that SCWA had demonstrated "just cause and extreme hardship" and recommended that the well permit be given.



PROTECTING LONG ISLAND'S DRINKING WATER (CONT.)

On October 18, 2007, Pete Grannis, the new Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation issued his decision on the SCWA application. He denied them an exemption to the moratorium, finding that they had not demonstrated the very high threshold of “just cause and extreme hardship” required by the statute, because there were viable alternatives to drilling into the Lloyd, including installing a nitrate treatment plant or pumping in water from another area.

Sarah Meyland, a lawyer and hydrology professor at New York Institute of Technology, was an author of the 1986 law and led the opposition to the water authority's application for a waiver. Ms. Meyland argued that the DEC had failed to develop the comprehensive policy mandated by the state legislature to manage and protect the Lloyd, and that until the necessary regulations are in place, the DEC cannot allow the moratorium to be undercut by applications to address a routine pollution problem such as that of the SCWA. We hope that, under the leadership of Mr. Grannis, a comprehensive plan to manage the Lloyd will be implemented.

In the face of growing water shortages throughout the west and south, it is more important than ever to protect drinking water resources. The Upper Glacial and the Magothy aquifers have already succumbed to contaminants. In order to preserve our drinking water, we need to preserve open space in critical recharge areas, ban certain pesticides and products which are polluting the groundwater, contain and treat sewage, and enforce existing laws such as the Lloyd Moratorium.

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NASSAU COUNTY FIGHTS INVASIVE VEGETATION

Two years ago, Nassau County and the Long Island chapter of The Nature Conservancy spearheaded a campaign to outlaw the sale of invasive vegetation throughout the County. Invasive plants are those non-native species whose growth expands from gardens and other human settings into wild places. Many aggressively compete with native plants, in some cases completely overtaking a natural area so that few or no other plants can grow there. After habitat loss, invasive vegetation (there are invasive animal species, too) is the most serious threat to native ecosystems here. It has a financial cost as well: Nassau County has spent millions of dollars removing just two aquatic invasive plant species (Eurasian water milfoil and Carolina fanwort) from South Shore ponds.

Invasive plants, some of which have been a problem for decades and longer, are sometimes planted in gardens or deposited in home aquaria (then later dumped into ponds). Now Nassau County is close to passing a law that will ban the sale or distribution of any of 63 of these plant species within Nassau County. Part of County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi's Healthy Nassau campaign to make our county the healthiest in the U.S., the law is one piece of a long-term plan consisting of many coordinated strategies the County is using to combat the spread of invasive plants here. Other approaches include working with commercial sellers to sell alternative species, public education, coordination of County agencies, and development and implementation of management plans. The law will go into effect in January 2009. According to Alpa Pandya, Conservation Finance and Policy Advisor at The Nature Conservancy's Long Island chapter, the year between the legislation's expected passage about the end of 2007 (after County Environmental Committee and public hearings in November) and putting it into effect will allow commercial sellers to clear their shelves of plants already purchased. Fines for violation will range from \$100 to \$500.

For more information about invasive plants or the legislation, please contact The Nature Conservancy (tncweeds.ucdavis.edu or (631) 329-3981, x15) or the North Shore Land Alliance ((516) 626-0908).



l to r: Alpa Pandya (TNC), Jane Jackson (NSLA), Legislator David Denenberg(D-Merrick) and County Executive Tom Suozzi at October 25, 2007 press conference.



Pretty but deadly! Oriental bittersweet at a roadside in Old Westbury

THE GOOD STUFF

After learning about all the legitimate but scary concern about invasive plants, what's a gardener to do? There are a growing number of native species available for planting in both shady and sunny sites at your home. The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College has produced a list of perennials that should thrive in a variety of settings on Long Island, as described below. Watch out for our spring newsletter, too, which will include more features about native plants.

SHORT LIST EASY NATIVES

Compiled by Carolyn Summers

Groundcovers (including creeping shrubs)

Anemone canadensis
Geranium maculatum
Heuchera americana
Houstonia caerulea
Juniperus communis
Juniperus horizontalis
Oenothera fruticosa
Phlox subulata
Polemonium reptans
Viola adunca
Viola pedata
Viola sororia



Canada anemone
wild geranium
alum-root, coral bells
bluets
creeping juniper
horizontal juniper
sundrops
moss phlox
Jacob's ladder
Labrador violet
bird's-foot violet
common violet

Low growing sun-lovers for rock gardens, etc.

Aquilegia canadensis
Campanula rotundifolia
Penstemon hirsutus 'Pygmaea'
Potentilla tridentata
Silene caroliniana var. pennsylvanica
Sisyrinchium angustifolium

wild columbine
bluebells-of-Scotland
hairy beard-tongue
three-toothed-cinquefoil
wild pink
blue-eyed grass

Short-medium height, average to dry meadow or mixed border

Asclepias tuberosa
Phlox paniculata
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium
Rudbeckia fulgida

butterfly-weed
garden phlox
willow-leaf mountain-mint
black-eyed Susan

Moist meadow/border, good for rain gardens; require moisture during drought

Aster novi-belgii
Chelone glabra
Helenium autumnale
Lobelia syphilitica
Monarda didyma
Onoclea sensibilis
Phlox maculata [T]
Physostegia virginiana
Senecio aureus

New York aster
turtleheads
sneezeweed
great lobelia
bee-balm
sensitive fern
wild sweet-william
obediant plant
golden ragwort

Tall meadow, mixed border, average-moist

Aster novae-angliae
Eupatorium purpureum
Heliopsis helianthoides
Rudbeckia triloba
Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'
Vernonia noveboracensis

New England aster
Joe-pye-weed
ox-eye sunflower
brown-eyed Susan
rough goldenrod
ironweed

Moist meadows, streams and pond edges, rain gardens; these plants require more moisture according to the amount of sun they receive.

Caltha palustris
Iris versicolor
Lobelia cardinalis
Zizia aurea

marsh marigold
blue flag iris
cardinal-flower
golden alexanders

Shrubby perennials, average to dry

Amsonia tabernaemontana v. salicifolia
Ceanothus americanus

willow-leaved blue star
New Jersey tea

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Shade Perennials, including ferns

Groundcovers

Anemone canadensis
Asarum canadense
ferns
Geranium maculatum
Heuchera americana
Iris cristata
Polemonium reptans
Tiarella cordifolia
Viola adunca



Canada anemone
wild ginger
ladyfern, hayscented, NY
wild geranium
alum-root, coral bells
woodland iris
Jacob's ladder
foamflower
Labrador violet

Spring ephemerals (foliage dies back by mid-summer; intersperse with ferns or other groundcovers)

Dodecatheon meadia [Extirp.]	shooting star
Erythronium americanum	trout lily
Mertensia virginica	Virginia bluebells
Polygonatum pubescens	Solomon's seal
Thalictrum thalictroides	rue anemone

Small and medium sized perennials for specimens and groupings

Aquilegia canadensis	wild columbine
Arisaema triphyllum	Jack-in-the-pulpit
Dicentra eximia [E]	wild bleeding heart
Phlox divaricata	woodland phlox
Sanguinaria canadensis	bloodroot
Silene caroliniana var. pennsylvanica	wild pink

Taller perennials for wood's edge or as understory "shrubs"

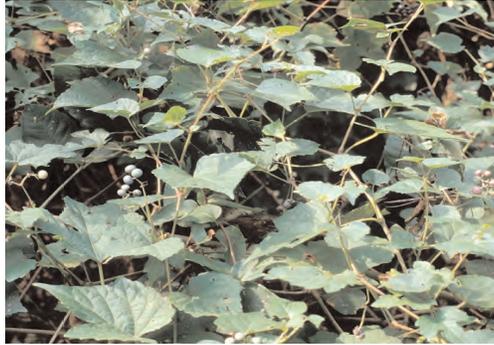
Cimicifuga racemosa	fairy candles
Dryopteris spp	wood ferns
Lobelia cardinalis	cardinal-flower
Lobelia syphilitica	great lobelia
Phlox maculata [T]	wild sweet-william

Generally speaking, shade perennials require at least average moisture. Very few plants do well in dry shade. Sunshine makes everything bloom better, but the more sun filtering into your shade garden the more moisture your plants will require.

Key: T = threatened in NYS, E = endangered in NYS, Extirp. = extirpated from NYS

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Alliaria petiolata
 Ampelopsis brevipedunculata
 Anthriscus sylvestris
 Aralia elata
 Artemisia vulgaris
 Cabomba caroliniana
 Cardamine impatiens
 Caulerpa taxifolia
 Celastrus orbiculatus
 Centaurea stoebe
 Cirsium arvense
 Cynanchum louiseae
 Cynanchum rossicum
 Egeria densa
 Elaeagnus angustifolia
 Elaeagnus umbellata
 Euphorbia cyparissias
 Euphorbia esula
 Froelichia gracilis
 Glaucium flavum
 Glossostigma diandrum
 Heracleum mantegazzianum
 Hesperis matronalis
 Humulus japonicus
 Hydrilla verticillata
 Hydrocharis morsus-ranae
 Impatiens glandulifera
 Lepidium latifolium
 Lespedeza cuneata
 Ligustrum obtusifolium
 Lonicera x bella
 Lonicera morrowii
 Lonicera maackii
 Lonicera japonica



Ampelopsis brevipedunculata - Porcelain Berry



Myriophyllum spicatum - Euracia water milfoil

Garlic mustard
 Porcelain-berry
 Wild chervil
 Japanese angelica Tree
 Mugwort, Common wormwood
 Carolina fanwort; Cabomba
 Narrowleaf bittercress
 Marine "killer algae"
 Oriental bittersweet
 Spotted knapweed
 Canada thistle
 Black swallow-wort
 Pale swallow-wort
 Brazilian water weed
 Russian olive
 Autumn olive
 Cypress spurge
 Leafy spurge
 Cottonweed
 Sea poppy, Yellow horned poppy
 Mudmat
 Giant hogweed
 Dame's rocket
 Japanese hops
 Hydrilla
 European frog-bit (aquatic)
 Tall impatiens; Purple balsam
 Tall pepperweed, Perennial pepperweed
 Chinese lespedeza
 Border privet
 Bell's honeysuckle
 Morrow's honeysuckle
 Amur honeysuckle
 Japanese honeysuckle

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| Lonicera tatarica | Tartarian honeysuckle |
| Lonicera xylosteum | Dwarf, Fly honeysuckle |
| Ludwigia grandiflora | Water primrose |
| Ludwigia peploides | Floating primrose-willow; water purslane |
| Lythrum salicaria | Purple loosestrife |
| Microstegium vimineum | Japanese stilt grass |
| Myosotis scorpioides | Forget-me-not |
| Mysiophyllum aquaticum | Parrot feather, Brazilian water milfoil |
| Mysiophyllum spicatum | Eurasian water milfoil |
| Najas minor | Eutrophic water-nymph |
| Nelumbo nucifera | Pink lotus |
| Nymphoides peltata | Yellow floating heart |
| Paulownia tomentosa | Princess tree |
| Phalaris arundinacea | Reed canary-grass |
| Phragmites australis | Common reed grass (nonnative genotype) |
| Polygonum cuspidatum | Japanese knotweed |
| Polygonum perfoliatum | Mile a minute vine |
| Polygonum sachalinense | Giant knotweed |
| Potamogeton crispus | Curly leaf pondweed |
| Pueraria montana | Kudzu |
| Ranunculus ficaria | Lesser celandine |
| Rhamnus cathartica | Common buckthorn |
| Rosa multiflora | Multiflora rose |
| Rubus phoenicolasius | Wineberry |
| Salvinia molesta | Giant salvinia |
| Senecio jacobaea | Tansy ragwort; Stinking willie |
| Silphium perfoliatum | Cup-plant |
| Trapa natans | Water chestnut |
| Vitex rotundifolia | Beach vitex; Roundleaf chastetree |



Rosa Multiflora - Multiflora rose



Trapas Natans - Water Chestnut



Lythrum Salicaria - Purple Loosestrife

NORTH SHORE LAND ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING

Boegner Estate at Old Westbury Gardens
October 27, 2007



20 hardy NSLA members, staff and Trustees ventured out to the lovely Boegner Estate on a windy, rainy morning for the Alliance's fourth annual meeting on October 27, 2007. Carol Large, Vice Chair of the Board of Old Westbury Gardens, explained that the 35-acre Boegner Estate (also called Orchard Hill), home of Peggy Phipps Boegner who died in 2006, was purchased by the Gardens in conjunction with Nassau County through funding from the 2004 Nassau County bond act. Another 12.75-acre adjoining parcel called the Dairy was also bought by the County which recently established a 99-year lease for that parcel with the Gardens. Old Westbury Gardens, which now comprises approximately 200 acres of open space, will operate the Dairy as an organic farm with programs that include vegetable gardening demonstrations for children.

Lisa Ott, NSLA President, provided an Open Space Report that vividly described the 118 acres of property protected by 2004 Nassau County bond act funding and approximately 80 acres protected by the 2000 and 2004 Town of Oyster Bay S.E.A. Fund Bonds. Passage of a separate Nassau County bond act in 2006 will lead to protection of numerous other sites. The list has not yet been finalized, but includes dozens of local treasures. Since its founding in 2003, NSLA has helped protect over 600 acres of local lands. The Town of Oyster Bay's Proposition 2 in 2007 will provide an

additional \$30 million for improvement of parks and \$30 million for acquisition of open space. All of these initiatives go a long way toward protecting local water supplies in addition to wetlands and other natural areas.

Lisa pointed out that land protection comes through not only acquisition of open space and conservation easements, but also with good planning and legislation. NSLA has worked tirelessly to address these issues. In 2007 it hosted a *Conserving Family Lands* program presented by Boston tax attorney Stephen J. Small, author of a series of *Preserving Family Lands* books. And it organized a program for elected officials: *Building Stronger Laws to Protect Your Community* by Sean Nolon from the Land Use Center at Pace University Law School. And Dan Kriesberg, Newsday Science Dad and teacher at Friends Academy, led two nature walks on Oyster Bay Cove protected lands this fall.

Toward the end of the meeting NSLA Chair Carter Bales spoke about 2008 goals and objectives in areas of land conservation, advocacy, educational outreach, membership, fundraising and organizational staff and Board structure. Among many objectives of interest are increasing the number of conservation easements and donations of property, passing a Sustainable Funding Source (either a Community Preservation Fund or a 1/4 cent sales tax), implementation of a 12-village comprehensive plan, increasing educational programming at our preserves, and increasing our membership to 2000 paying members. It will be a busy year! But we recognize and appreciate the support of our members who make us confident that we will meet these goals.

2,000 MEMBERS A LOFTY GOAL?

With your help, we can get there. If any of your friends or neighbors are interested in land conservation, please let us know by email: info@northshorelandalliance.org or telephone at 516-626-0908

A WALK IN THE WOODS WITH DAN KRIESBERG

On October 14, 2007 the North Shore Land Alliance (NSLA) held its first in a series of nature walks through local preserves. Led by naturalist Dan Kriesberg and accompanied by a beautiful day, NSLA members enjoyed a walk through the woods at the Cordelia Hepburn Cushman Preserve, which is one of four preserves to be transferred from The Nature Conservancy to NSLA. This lovely forested parcel is in Oyster Bay Cove on Route 25A east of Berry Hill Road.

As the group began exploring it was soon clear just how many different plants and animals live in the preserve. The start of the trail took the group through a patch of ground pine.



This fascinating plant is related to moss and ferns. The spores were once used as a flash of light that early photographers used to take pictures. Further down the trail at a stand of white pine the group learned the role these trees played in the American Revolution. Everywhere they looked there was something to see and learn about.

Under a rotten log a red-backed salamander was found. This species is one of the few amphibians that do not need water to lay their eggs. Instead they use moist leaves under logs and rocks. A number of birds were seen and heard moving through the forest. Some, like the chickadees, nuthatches, tufted titmice and woodpeckers, are year-round residents, the warblers and others were using the preserve as a place to rest and find food as they made their way south.

What amazed everyone was just how much life we realize surrounds us when we pay attention. Being attentive to the natural world brings a sense of wonder to one's life. It is a sense of wonder that shows us the beauty and interrelationships that are the world around us. This is what inspires us to become better stewards of the land.

Check the next newsletter or the NSLA website for the dates and times of upcoming walks and feel free to come along. For directions to or a map of the Cushman preserve (so you can take your own walk!), please call the Alliance at (516) 626-0908.



Red-backed salamander found under a log.

Red & White

The North Shore Land Alliance held its fourth annual wine auction on Saturday evening, September 29th at the barn at “Groton Place” in Old Westbury. Three hundred and sixty guests strolled around the 200-year-old barn for the wine tasting and silent auction, and then moved into the adjoining tent for the ‘Red and White Dinner’ followed by a very lively auction. Afterwards, a late set featuring Mad Pursuit entertained guests through the wee hours, rounding off an incredibly successful evening in support of land conservation.

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The Trustees and staff of the Land Alliance are very grateful to Lead Sponsor Citibank, Event Chair Suzy Bales and Vice Chairs, especially Ali & Hollis Russell, Rosemary Miller, Linda Schwartzberg and the committee. We also thank Julie and Luis Rinaldini and staff at Groton Place for hosting this wonderful evening. The event raised over \$306,000 for the Alliance and its efforts to protect the lands that protect our quality of life. The proceeds will be used to establish an endowment for both stewardship and legal defense and to cover operating expenses. The NSLA thanks all of its friends and supporters who contributed so generously to the evening’s success.

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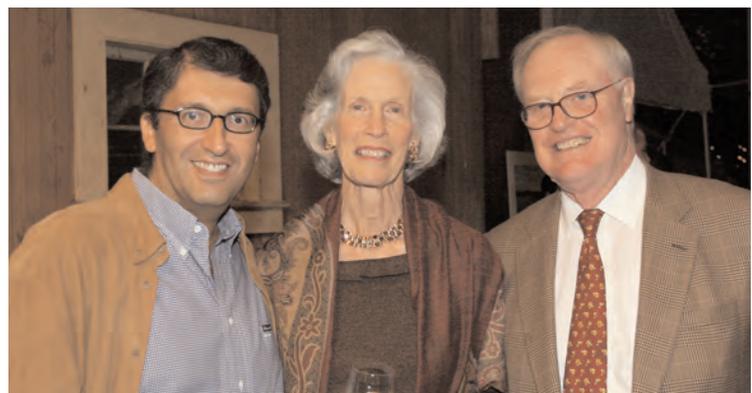
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Perhaps it was Jane's lifelong love for animals that propelled her into a career in conservation, starting as a teenage volunteer at Massachusetts Audubon's Trailside Museum in her home town of Milton, MA. Jane received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science at the University of Vermont and, many years later, a Master of Science in Conservation Biology at the University of Kent at Canterbury, UK. Her more recent professional experience includes three years' work in the Science and Stewardship division of The Nature Conservancy's Rhode Island Field Office and five years as Director of Programming for New York Restoration Project, an open space organization working in underserved communities of New York City. It was Jane's love of land protection and a desire to combine and build on her land conservation, outreach, and program development skills that led her to the North Shore Land Alliance. She recently moved from Brooklyn, NY to Oyster Bay and is very happy to be here.

ANDREA A. MILLWOOD



Andrea joined the NSLA staff as the Office Manager in November of this year. She is responsible for the overall organization of the office, maintaining the membership database and providing secretarial support to staff and NSLA Board of Trustees. She will also coordinate volunteers, as well as support membership activities.

Mrs. Millwood has worked for companies such as Catholic Charities and Powers and Marshall Associates, Inc. Andrea is a long-time resident of Nassau County where she resides with her husband and two young daughters. She is also pursuing a graduate degree from New York Institute of Technology.

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