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Humes property, 15 acres protected

LOCAL COMMUNITIES PROTECT 202 ACRES IN 2008

With proceeds from the 2006 Environmental Bond Program, Nassau County leads the North Shore in acres protected with 130. 102 acres have been approved by the Nassau County Legislature. 28 acres have contracts signed by the owners and await presentation to the legislature for approval. Those properties are: Cutting property, Oyster Bay Cove (6.5 acres); Frugee's Farm, East Meadow (4 acres); Gold property, Seaford (1 acre); Humes property, Mill Neck (15 acres); 290 North Central Ave., Valley Stream (1 acre); Old Mill Farm, Brookville (41 acres); Parkway Drive, Baldwin Harbor (1 acre); Schwab property, Oyster Bay Cove (6 acres); Smithers property, Mill Neck (25 acres); and Trout Lake, West Hempstead (3 acres).

The Town of Oyster Bay has just begun its process to purchase open space with proceeds from the 2007 S.E.A. Fund III. Over 50 nominations for open space acquisition have been received. Purchases which have been approved and completed are: the Mill Pond House, Oyster Bay Hamlet (6 acres); the Busy Bee Triangle, Oyster Bay Hamlet (.5 acres); and a Massapequa property (4 acres).

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To Our Members and Friends,

With your support and that of our elected officials, the North Shore Land Alliance and its environmental partners have been very successful in winning support for local ballot measures on land protection. We tried again this year in Nassau County but our hopes for a new open space bond were thwarted by efforts in the County Legislature to attach an unrelated \$50 million sewer project to the Bond.

In October, Martin Cantor, a professor at Dowling College, released a carelessly incomplete report about the costs of open space preservation which has aroused controversy among the less environmentally knowledgeable. In a rebuttal recently sent to elected officials, the conservation community described the Cantor Study as “*massively flawed, intellectually dishonest and deliberately misleading*.” My personal view is that it is an example of “bought research,” paid for by the Long Island Builders Association. (See page 29 for the full rebuttal letter)

As you might expect, growing needs and the reality of the recession will provide greater challenges to NSLA’s work in protecting our last remaining open spaces. Yet, great challenges can create great opportunities. It does not hurt to question our beliefs. Such questioning creates an opportunity to reinforce them and more fully appreciate the many ways that open space enriches our lives.

NSLA Board and Staff deeply appreciated the outpouring of community support at our recent Wine Auction. Our supporters stepped up to help us reach our goal of raising \$1.0 Million for the NSLA Conservation Action Fund, a revolving fund to help purchase local properties at immediate risk of development.

Land conservation, as we have known it, is being redefined, at least for now. Government sources for land acquisition may be reduced in the near term because of reduced tax revenues. As a result, we must think and act differently. In times like these it is critically important that we maintain public support. It is a fact that people who do not visit natural places are less motivated to save them.

As we plan for a challenging year ahead, we pledge to you: to work harder to educate the public about the benefits of local land conservation, to work with government at all levels to create more incentives for private conservation, to develop programs and plans to open appropriate public lands for public use, and to continue to support strong local ordinances to protect our natural resources.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to working with you to build a better world. Onward to new challenges!

With best wishes in nature,

Cantor

LOCAL COMMUNITIES PROTECT 202 ACRES IN 2008

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The Town of Huntington purchased 4 acres in Northport for its popular Rails to Trails program and nearly an acre to expand the popular Veteran's Park in East Northport. The purchase of development rights on the nearly 16-acre Amsler/Richter Orchard in Fort Salonga is expected to close by year end. The Town will partner with Suffolk County to complete this important acquisition.

The Town of North Hempstead purchased almost 7 acres to complete the Town's Shoreline to Shoreline Greenway Trail. This property was formerly known as Island Tennis.

NSLA is very grateful to our municipal partners in conservation. What a magnificent legacy for them to leave for future generations.



Held Pond, Oyster Bay Cove



Old Mill Farm, Brookville



Schwab Property, Oyster Bay Cove



Trout Lake, West Hempstead



Hall Property, Muttontown



Frugge's Farm, East Meadow



Busy Bee Triangle, Oyster Bay



Smithers' Pond, Mill Neck



Parkway Drive, Baldwin Harbor

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON PASSES \$15 MILLION OPEN SPACE AND PARKS PROGRAM WITH 75% MAJORITY

Background

Beginning in 1998, voters in the Town of Huntington (TOH) overwhelmingly supported the protection of open space, cultural and environmental assets and recreational lands by approving the establishment of the Environmental Open Space and Park Improvement Fund (EOSPA). In 1998 voters also approved a \$15 million bond measure to raise funds for EOSPA, and again in 2003, one for \$30 million.

To date, these funds have been used to acquire 214.2 acres of environmentally significant lands and to make improvements at 60 Town parks through projects ranging from athletic fields to picnic facilities. Examples of popular acquisitions include the former Mohlenhoff nursery located in the West Hills/Melville Special Groundwater Protection Area which will be used for active recreation, and the Lewis-Oliver Dairy in Northport. Joy Squires, Chairperson of the Huntington Conservation Board ESOPA Review Advisory Committee, Margo Myles, Coordinator of Open Space Conservation, and Supervisor Frank Petrone are to be commended for the accomplishments of this outstanding program.

In order to continue the revenue stream of the 1998 bond, which expires in 2008, in November voters were asked to approve a \$15 million bond. The bond, which would carry no tax increase, would be used for acquisition of open space, park improvements, neighborhood enhancements, and "green" initiatives. The Town has successfully leveraged its funds through the help of the Suffolk County open space program. On average, every dollar of Town acquisition money spent has been matched by nearly three dollars in County funds. There is very little vacant land remaining in the Town of Huntington that is truly natural and undeveloped, so continuing the revenue stream through Proposal 2 is vital.



Huntington Supervisor Frank P. Petrone addresses the media at Manor Farm Park. L to R: Laurie Farber, founder and director of Starflower Experiences, Councilman Mark Cuthbertson, Councilwoman Susan Berland, Councilman Stuart Besen, Councilwoman Glenda Jackson, and Joy Squires, Chairperson of the Huntington Conservation Board and Environmental Open Space and Park Review Advisory Committee.

Many thanks to the coalition members of the Huntington Citizens for Clean Water, Open Space and Parks.

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Center for Resources Management at NYIT
Citizens Campaign for the Environment
Concerned Long Island Mountain Bikers
Friends of the Bay
Friends of the Edgewood Preserve
Huntington Audubon Society
Long Island Environmental Voters Forum
Long Island Greenways and Healthy Trails
Long Island Nature Collaborative for Kids - The Early Years
Institute
Long Island Pine Barrens Society
Nassau Land Trust
Neighborhood Network
New York League of Conservation Voters
North Shore Land Alliance
Peconic Land Trust
Sierra Club
Suffolk County Water Authority
The Conservation Campaign
The Nature Conservancy Long Island Chapter
Vision Long Island*

CAMPAIGN FOR THE HUNTINGTON BOND

In late September, Supervisor Frank Petrone took NSLA up on its offer to help with the TOH's 2008 environmental bond campaign. We quickly reconvened our coalition of civic and environmental groups as Huntington Citizens for Clean Water, Open Space and Parks and went to work planning a campaign.

After a long series of open space bonding successes across Long Island, we were worried about the effects the economy might have on this important measure and did not want to see another environmental bond measure like Brookhaven's 2007 Community Preservation Act (transfer tax) defeated.

In early October, we polled 400 TOH residents to determine the likelihood of success. After a series of questions designed to educate residents about the components of the bond measure, we were pleased to find that 73% of the residents polled were in favor of the bond and 24% were against. The economy continued to worsen with each passing week as we worked even harder to ensure a successful outcome.



Direct mail piece #1, back



Direct mail piece #1, front



Direct mail piece #2, Front



Direct mail piece #2, Back

CONSERVATION FUNDING TOPS \$7 BILLION

Community outreach included the following:

- Direct Mail to 39,000 households that voted in 2 of the last 4 general elections.
- Press Conferences with Town officials, environmental and civic groups
- Editorial coverage in Newsday
- Development of a website www.ourlandourwater.com
- Yard signs
- Letters to the Editor in local papers
- 50,000+ E-mail alerts to members of all of the largest environmental groups like NYLCV, Citizens Campaign, Neighborhood Network and Vision Long Island
- Door-to-door calling, 2,000+ residences
- Personal phone calls, 2,000+ residences
- Electronic calling to 29,500 households the Sunday before the election
- Mailings to NSLA members

And we are pleased to say that on November 4th the Town of Huntington Open Space and Parks Bond passed with a 75% majority.



NSLA organized and sponsored the campaign with a generous donation from The Nature Conservancy on Long Island and extraordinary efforts from our Huntington Citizens for Clean Water, Open Space and Parks coalition.

We hope this funding will go a long way in protecting the natural values of the Huntington community.

Funding for voter-approved land conservation capped a record-breaking year this election year, with voters demonstrating substantial support for open space ballot measures despite the current economic and fiscal crisis facing the nation, according to The Trust for Public Land, a national land conservation organization.

On November 4, voters backed 62 of the 87 (71 percent) conservation finance measures on ballots across America. These successful measures will generate a single-day record of \$7.3 billion in new funding for parks and open space. Overall in 2008, voters approved 88 measures totaling \$8.4 billion in new public funding for land conservation, also a single-year record. The approval rate for 2008 was 71 percent, topping the 66 percent approval rate for 2007 and just below the 74 percent rate for 2006.

The record-setting amount of funding for 2008 can largely be attributed to passage of Minnesota's \$5.5 billion Clean Water, Land and Legacy constitutional amendment (a single-measure record). The Minnesota measure nearly doubles the previous largest conservation ballot measure, New Jersey's Constitutional Amendment in 1998, which dedicated \$2.94 billion in sales tax to the Garden State Preservation Trust.

A complete list of results from local and state balloting on conservation and parks is available online from LandVote 2008 –www.landvote.org.

FEDERAL AND STATE UPDATES



TO PERPETUITY AND BEYOND...

As you may recall, in March Congress passed an extension to the tax law that helps us who are interested in protecting clean water, natural areas and family farms. The law enhances the federal tax benefits for landowners who donate voluntary conservation agreements...**but only through the end of 2009.** “And, as proud as we are of what we have done, we also have to recognize that we did not have enough support to make the tax incentive permanent.” says Russ Shay, Director of Public Policy for the Land Trust Alliance.

Now, a conservation donor can deduct up to 50 percent of their adjusted gross income in any year (up from 30%), and, if most of their income is from farming, ranching or forestry, they can deduct it against all of their income. Even more important is that if the value of their donation is larger than this,

they can continue to use the deduction for up to 16 years (up from six).

A donor may also save substantially on estate taxes if he donates a conservation easement. Under § 2031(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, up to \$500,000 may be excluded from one’s taxable estate if he or she had donated a qualifying easement. As with the income tax benefits, the larger the value of the donated easement, the bigger the deduction.

The North Shore Land Alliance is working with land trusts across the U.S. to convince the Federal government to **extend these benefits in perpetuity.** It’s going to take a lot more than two years to protect the important natural areas that remain. To win, more of us are going to have to get involved in cultivating understanding and support from our own communities, diverse partners and legislators.



KEEP LONG ISLAND’S DRINKING WATER PURE

On September 26, Governor David Paterson signed the bill prohibiting New York City from pumping treated surface water into the Lloyd. This critical legislation is a necessary step to safeguard our irreplaceable drinking water resource.

Long Island is designated as a sole source aquifer region by the U.S. EPA. This means that 100% of our drinking water supply comes from underground. The almost 3 million residents on the Island are completely dependent on groundwater as their fresh water supply. The Lloyd Aquifer, the deepest and cleanest source of drinking water on Long Island, is the sole source of drinking water for many coastal communities where salt water intrusion has contaminated the upper aquifers.

existing moratorium on new drilling or pumping into the Lloyd to include a ban on storing or pumping water into the aquifer.

As you may recall, Mayor Bloomberg had been lobbying Governor Paterson to veto the legislation. NYC had been seeking to use the Lloyd as a storage facility for their drinking water. The city had proposed storing millions of gallons of excess water from upstate reservoirs hundreds of feet below ground in the Lloyd Aquifer. City residents would use the water during emergencies and repairs to the city’s aging aqueduct system.

Many thanks to those of you that took time out of your busy lives to write Governor Paterson in support of protecting the Lloyd aquifer. Our voices were heard!

In June 2008, the NYS Senate and Assembly unanimously passed S.1558/A.2986, a bill to amend an

PLANNING MATTERS DON'T LEAVE CHANGE TO CHANCE

The Pew Research Center predicts that the population of the United States will rise from 309 million in 2010 to 438 million in 2050 if current trends continue. In that same time period, New York State's population is expected to increase by 10 million people.

According to the Regional Plan Association and Hunter College of New York, the amount of land available for development in Nassau County will decrease from 1,220 acres in 2010 to 251 acres in 2050. This growth will spur new development, new subdivisions and more loss of our forests, wetlands and farmlands. Growth patterns and changing demographics will be an increasingly important component of strategic planning for land trusts such as ours.

Instead of leaving change to chance, NSLA encourages active citizen participation in plans for growth. When

citizens and government come together to express a shared vision, it becomes a map for conservation efforts and a guide for better communities.

With the help of Cameron Engineering, Nassau County, New York State, the US Geological Service and others, NSLA will soon have the GIS mapping ability to help local government in identifying our most important natural areas. With the added ability to map special groundwater protection areas, watersheds, slopes, wetlands, soil content, type of land cover, permeable surfaces, along with other important attributes, we will be able to show officials, across village lines, where our most important ecosystems occur.

From here we can work together to develop the programs and policies that will ensure permanent protection for our most valuable natural areas.

Projections of Land Available for Development, 2000-2050

	Total Land	Protected/		Remaining Undeveloped Land					
		Land Devel by 2000	Unsuitable for Devel.	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Glen Cove	4,379	86%	12%	75	23	0	0	0	0
Hempstead	78,213	78%	22%	11	3	1	1	0	0
Long Beach	1,449	91%	9%	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. Hempstead	34,643	89%	9%	929	496	348	272	231	210
Oyster Bay	66,778	78%	18%	2,240	707	279	113	55	42
Nassau County	185,461	80%	18%	3,254	1,229	628	386	284	251
Babylon	32,860	74%	26%	95	47	40	35	44	43
Brookhaven	168,172	63%	34%	5,336	2,565	1,128	392	134	44
East Hampton	48,179	35%	31%	16,452	12,783	9,849	7,397	5,277	2,587
Huntington	60,420	85%	13%	1,157	393	194	116	95	68
Islip	67,533	79%	20%	309	52	4	-3	-4	-4
Riverhead	43,716	27%	38%	14,932	11,509	8,237	5,322	2,221	737
Shelter Island	7,832	51%	27%	1,767	1,274	985	751	562	347
Smithtown	34,952	83%	15%	842	354	139	54	12	3
Southampton	93,069	38%	46%	14,487	10,590	7,604	5,433	3,574	1,731
Southold	35,566	45%	33%	7,888	5,016	3,103	1,831	1,058	603
Suffolk County	592,299	59%	31%	63,264	44,585	31,283	21,330	12,973	6,160
Long Island	777,760	64%	28%	66,518	45,813	31,911	21,715	13,257	6,411

Source: Projections by Regional Plan Assoc. and Hunter College of the City Univ. of NY

IN MEMORY OF BROAD HOLLOW FARM

THE HOME OF THOMAS HITCHCOCK, FATHER OF AMERICAN STEEPLECHASE



Proposed Queen of Peace Cemetery

On November 17th the Village of Old Westbury will decide the fate of this historic property. For more than a decade, the Catholic Archdiocese of Rockville Center, the property's owner, has been petitioning the village of Old Westbury to turn 80+ acres of the 100-acre site into a cemetery. Approval of the application is close at hand.

Our community cannot "save them all" but we should pay tribute to a place that helped define the character of Old Westbury for generations.

Thomas Hitchcock was a key figure in developing the sport of polo in the United States. In

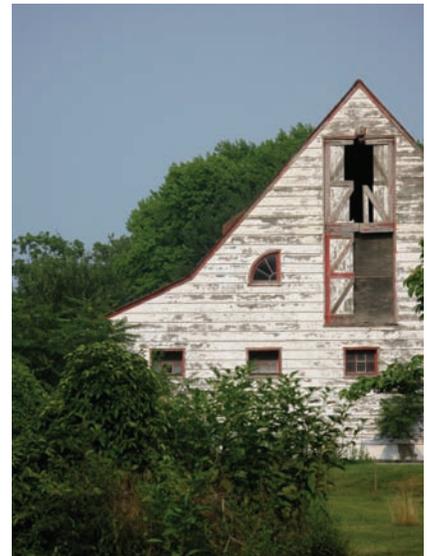
1877 he and his friend August Belmont, Jr. were part of the group that organized the

first ever polo match on Long Island played on the infield of the racetrack at the Mineola, New York Fair Grounds. One of the first 10-goal



Tommy Hitchcock, Sr.

players in the U.S., Hitchcock's efforts resulted in the 1881 formation of Long Island's Meadow Brook Club. In 1886 he was a member of the United States team in the first International Polo Match that played for the Westchester Cup. A polo player herself, and the founder in the year 1916 of the Aiken Preparatory School, Louise Eustis Hitchcock had her sons playing polo as soon as they were old enough to swing a mallet. She also helped family friend Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney to learn the game. Son, Tommy Jr., would become a polo player who is considered by many expert observers as the greatest to have ever played the game.



Hitchcock Barn

The following is an excerpt from The Sportsman magazine, dated August 1929 by Guy H. Lee titled, "Estates of American Sportsmen."

In 1685 a pioneer by the name of Titus bought from the Indians on Long Island a plot of land "as large as he could ride a bull around between sunup and sundown," or so the story goes. The bull must have been of a fast-stepping breed, for the tract of land purchased covered much of what is not the township

of Old Westbury. During the course of two centuries, the place has been divided up among the Titus descendants, the present "lanes" being laid out between the parts of the property inherited by the heirs of various generations.

In 1890, Mr. Hitchcock purchased the original Titus homestead with the old house still on it. The present house was built by adding to the old one, and the additions, largely designed by Mrs. Hitchcock, have been carried out in such a way as to preserve the old feeling of the architecture. The resulting house is one of the most reposeful, inviting and altogether delightful on Long Island, sitting among ancient silver maples and locusts, smiling out over the broad expanses of hay land on which Mr. Hitchcock raises the hay for his many race horses, and in which he has built his race track, steeplechase course, polo field, schooling jumps and other facilities for exercise and training.

The house itself has great architectural charm. The woodwork of the older portions especially is very good, and the old peg construction and the wrought-iron nails pinning the big old-fashioned shingles are noteworthy. About both the house and the general arrangement of Broad Hollow Farm is the atmosphere which only age and old trees can give but there is also clearly expressed the taste of the owner for sport of all kinds, but especially for those connected with the horse.

North Shore Land Alliance has been working with the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, Richard Lundgren and others to request that the village protect the most historic barns and consider an equestrian or agricultural use for the remaining 20 acres.

Remember how it felt to run, climb and explore in the woods?

Our children's chances of having the same experiences are better because of caring supporters like you who've thought ahead and remembered North Shore Land Alliance in their will.

Your actions today will guarantee a better community for the generations that follow.

Please contact us for information about naming the North Shore Land Alliance as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. Learn more about Retained Life Estate Benefits, Charitable Remainder Unitrusts and Charitable Lead Trusts.

Join the North Shore Land Alliance Legacy Club today.
Call Barbara Hoover at (516) 626.0908 for more information.



PRESERVES, PLANS AND PATIENCE

On August 17th, Celeste Hadrick wrote an article in Newsday titled Little Public Access to Nassau's Open Spaces. One Nassau County legislator was quoted in the article as saying, "Red Spring Woods looks like a backyard. I would hate to think that we used \$4 million to buy people's backyards that we cannot go on."

A different legislator followed. "My constituents are paying the taxes to support the pristine views of millionaires on the North Shore."

Thus began the demise of the 2008 Nassau County Environmental Bond Program. The expression of these sentiments was not the only problem (which you learned if you read Carter Bales' letter on page 2) but they reflect a growing concern that is important to all of us who care about preserving open space.

If public funds are used to purchase open space, those lands must be accessible for all to enjoy. Yes, an intellectual community understands that protecting watersheds and special groundwater protection areas is one of the best ways to assure clean, safe drinking water. Air quality is also part of a healthy, wholesome environment. Preserving trees to clean our air, slowing overdevelopment that causes harmful air pollution, is protecting public health but it has become clear that we need to do more.

These are difficult times and getting people into nature is more

important than ever. A century ago John Muir wrote "Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is like going home; that wilderness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life."

One of NSLA's primary goals in 2009 is to see that the land purchased with public money is opened to the public and utilized in the most appropriate ways. The Advisory Committee for the Nassau County Bond program, of which Lisa Ott, NSLA President, was a member, took great care in their selection process. No property was chosen without a plan for public use.

The Town of Oyster Bay's Hillside Farm will open to the public in 2009 with programs and a renovated barn/education complex. Children from the Town's summer programs will enjoy story hours and picnics in the woods.



Map A - The acquisition of the 15 acre parcel of the Humes property connects 2 valuable resource areas for the first time.

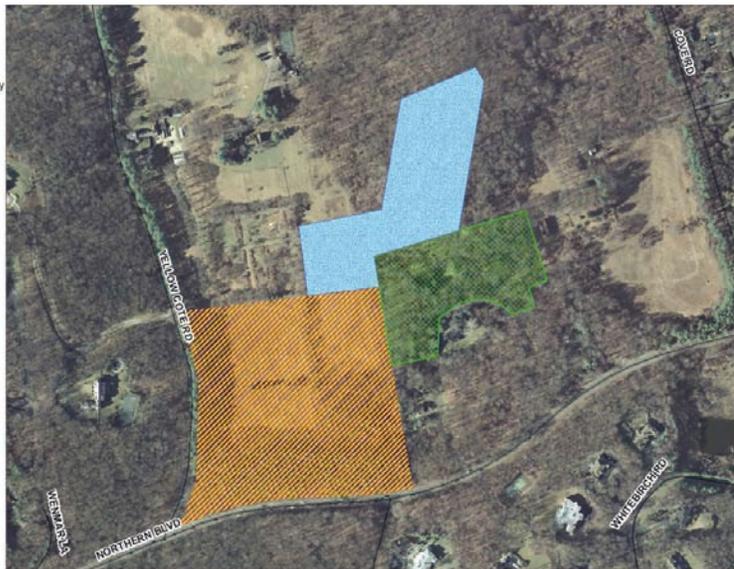
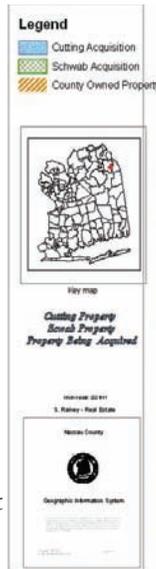
A welcome sign will go up at Parkway Drive in Baldwin and neighbors will be invited in to enjoy the views and the extraordinary array of birds. Frugee's Farm will, again, grow vegetables to provide fresh produce for the East Meadow community.

Trails will be cleared and marked in all of the Nassau County preserves. The trails at Oyster Bay Cove's Red Cote Farm will be expanded from a 16-acre loop to a 30-acre loop with adjoining purchases from the 2006 Environmental Bond Program (see map B).

The Smithers' Upper Francis Pond will be connected to the Humes Japanese Stroll Garden and the Shu Swamp Preserve, thanks to the purchase of the 15-acre portion of the Humes property (see map A). And, horseback riders from all over the County will have access to horses and over 400 acres of trails in the Muttontown Preserve thanks to the acquisition of the Old Mill Farm.

So, 2009 will be a really good year for getting outdoors in Nassau County and it is important that we do. A recent study by University of Illinois biologist Oliver Pergams confirms that people who don't visit natural places may be less motivated to save them. In many ways, the future of land conservation depends on getting everyone outdoors...and the sooner the better.

And to answer our legislators statements: Sadly, due to Long Island's development history, the vast majority of the natural areas that remain, more than



Map B - Acquisitions from both 2004 and 2006 Bond Acts combined to equal 30 acres of walkable trails. Maps courtesy of Nassau County Real Estate.

85%, are located on the North Shore. Red Spring Woods is home to one of Long Island's last remaining old growth forests and largest glacial rocks. Go and see for yourself. Maps and directions will be available in early 2009.



Shu Swamp Wetlands

COALITION WORKS TO PRESERVE WAWAPEK FARM PROPERTY



View of the water from the Williams property

As a local conservation organization, we are extremely concerned with the rapid loss of important natural areas. The scenic vistas, historic places and open spaces that define this part of Long Island are being lost through piecemeal development. NSLA is working with Jeff Hollman, a Cold Spring Harbor resident, and The Nature Conservancy of Long Island to preserve one such property- Wawapek Farm, the Williams property in Cold Spring Harbor. This pristine property is comprised of more than 38 acres of woodlands filled with old growth trees, freshwater springs and open meadows. It has several trails which offer connectivity to the northern trailhead of the Nassau/Suffolk Greenbelt trail, and is home to a wide variety of birds, other animals, trees, plants and wildflowers.

The Williams property was included on Suffolk County's 2004 Master List of environmentally sensitive open

spaces recommended for acquisition by the County. Suffolk County has indicated a strong interest in partnering with the Town of Huntington to revive their earlier efforts at acquiring the property. To date, the County has committed to a 50% share of the purchase price.

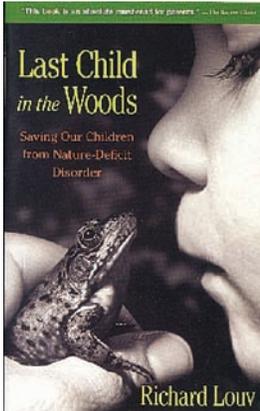
The history of the property supports its protection as an historic farm. The main house on Wawapek Farm is listed on the National Register and was built in 1898 as a country house for the philanthropist Robert W. deForest. The house, which was designed by Grosvenor Atterbury, who also designed Forest Hills Gardens, has original Tiffany windows. The estate originally comprised hundreds of acres, most of which have been sold off and developed.

The trustees settling the estate of Priscilla Williams have indicated a willingness to entertain conservation options for the property. NSLA has set up a fund for those interested in helping to preserve this unique property. For more information, please contact Peach Schnier at 515-626-0908.



Williams property

RICHARD LOUV COMES TO LONG ISLAND



In 2005, author and journalist Richard Louv coined a now infamous term in the title of his book *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*. The book argued that kids these days do not connect to the natural

world. Countless studies have concluded that children's and adults' exposure to nature can aid their ability to manage stress and think more clearly. Environmental education and related experience, such as community service projects outdoors, can make a difference and, in the process, increase appreciation of the outdoors among participants in these activities.

It is in light of this enlightening research that the North Shore Land Alliance, Rauch Foundation and the Long Island Nature Collaborative for Kids (LINCK) (a project of the Early Childhood Institute) have partnered to bring Louv to Long Island on Thursday, March 12, 2009 as the keynote speaker of LINCK's *No Child Left Inside: Connecting Children with Nature* conference, to be held at the Islandia Marriott Long Island and Computer Associates, which is generously donating space for the event.

Louv is the Chair of the Children & Nature Network, which supports organizations and individuals working to link children and nature, and the author of seven books. *Last Child in the Woods* won the prestigious Audubon Medal (also granted to Jimmy Carter, Rachel Carson, and Robert Redford, among others) by the National Audubon Society earlier this year. It has earned

top ranking from Discover Magazine, Spirituality & Health Magazine, and the National School Board Journal.

As undeveloped land has become increasingly scarce, children's exposure to the outdoors has waned. NSLA, recognizing that it is today's youngsters who will be faced with tomorrow's responsibilities for protecting land and stewarding our open spaces, sought to bring Louv to Long Island to share his knowledge with a local audience. We are delighted to partner with LINCK in this endeavor. The conference will include a number of hands-on workshops designed to enable educators, child care workers, and parents alike to get their children into the natural world. It will cover such topics as art and music, environmental stewardship, family participation, and a tour of an outdoor classroom by Nature Explore (a project of The National Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation).

NSLA members are invited to attend Louv's address at no charge. Admission to the entire conference, which includes various workshops, is \$75. Check with NSLA at 516-626-0908 if you are interested in attending the keynote address or the entire conference.

WALKS IN THE WOODS 2008

Our 2008 nature walk series showcased a variety of open spaces, many of which are off the beaten path, and drew 110 of the young and young at heart from Nassau County and beyond. Our talented walk leaders are experts in a variety of fields, educating participants in a wide range of topics such as bird and plant identification, pond communities, and which local mushrooms are edible (and which are not!). Locations included our own Fox Hollow (with newly restored trails) and Cordelia Hepburn Cushman Preserves, as well as several partner sites: Bailey Arboretum, Nassau County Museum of Art, the North Shore Wildlife Sanctuary's Shu Swamp, and Nassau County's Tiffany Creek Preserve. We are grateful to our many walk leaders who contributed their time and expertise.

Our 2009 calendar is still in formation, but will kick



Peter Martin, Naturalist
off with a waterfowl walk in January (see page 18). Future 2009 Walks in the Woods sites will likely include Tiffany Creek Preserve and the Held property, Smithers Ponds, Red Spring Woods, the Farm at Oyster Bay, Roosevelt Preserve, Fox Hollow Preserve, and Red Cote Farm. For updates, please watch our website: www.northshorelandalliance.org

“VOLUNTEERS FOR OPEN SPACE” BRINGS POSITIVE RESULTS

It's no surprise that the success of many not-for-profit organizations comes from the valuable contributions of time and energy provided by volunteers. Volunteers are an integral part of successful non-profit organization because they help to carry out many of the organizations objectives without direct operational costs. NSLA “Volunteers for Open Space Program” has been working with local residents, businesses, schools, and other not-for-profits to get the message out that the protection of open space is vital.

NSLA is most grateful to volunteers such as Shene Anderson, Anne Codey, Gemma Colon, Maria DiGioia, Dan Duffy, Lynn Finn, A.J. Johansen, Ann Lotowycz, Rocio Selmonsky, Emily Silver, Harry Silver, Nancy Silver, Renny Kraft, Paul Malouf, Stella Miller, Maisie Noesen, Devante Philippe, Shana Philippe, Zulley Velasquez, Coleman Family Camps, Eastern

Mountain Sports, Girl Scouts of America-Troop #1302, Lufthansa Airlines, Roosevelt High School, Roosevelt Police Athletic League, and the Locust Valley Boys & Girls Club, to name a few, who have been so helpful in fulfilling our stewardship and education objectives. Some have battled the piercing summer heat while others have taken a cooler approach by joining staff in the office. Regardless of their choice, these volunteers have contributed to NSLA in support of a valuable cause and, hopefully, had a good time doing it.



With the help of our volunteers the NSLA has successfully restored trails and improved several preserves. Volunteers have spent numerous hours pulling weeds, hanging signs, and neatening paths making our preserves safer and more enjoyable places. Volunteers have also helped NSLA increase its membership by preparing mass mailings and working at local festivals. Additionally, NSLA has organized several nature walks, all led by volunteers, which drew

Individuals can help in many ways! Please consider the following:

- *Working in the Preserves.* Monitor sites for prohibited activity, site maintenance
- *Sharing your Knowledge.* Lead a Nature Walk at one of our local preserves
- *Helping in the Office.* File, prepare mass mailings, make copies
- *Spreading the Word.* Greet visitors, share membership information, hand out promotional pieces
- *Joining our Speakers Bureau.* Help to educate the community about the importance of conservation.

Volunteering is also a great opportunity to:

- *Learn more about an organization*
- *Make new friends*
- *Become more socially responsible*
- *Complete school-related volunteer hours*
- *Generate awareness for a great cause*

If you or a friend would like to volunteer please call the office at 516-626-0908 and ask for either Jane or Andrea. Or, you can email andrea@northshorelandalliance.org



Shu Swamp in Winter

more than 100 community residents out of their homes and into the woods to enjoy the pleasures of nature.

Conservation and restoration efforts are ongoing and we need your help! Jane Jackson, Associate Director of Stewardship, has undertaken the mighty task of revitalizing the Roosevelt Preserve so that local residents can once again hike and enjoy nature in these tranquil stream-filled woods. Local preserves like Cushman and Fox Hollow are in constant need of monitoring and care. Shana Philippe who recently volunteered at the Roosevelt Preserve left saying, *“I came into the woods tired and stressed and left calmed, energized, and hopeful.”*

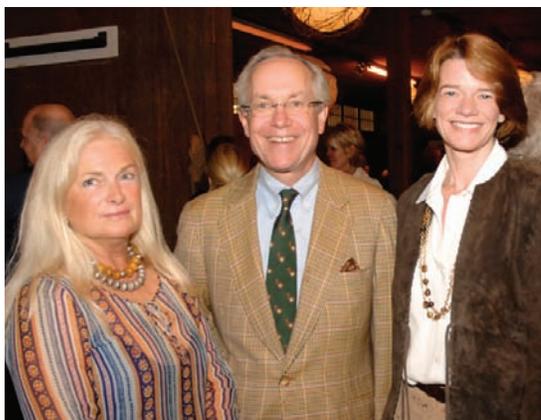
Walk in the Woods

Winter Waterfowl at Mill Pond in
Oyster Bay
January 11, 10 a.m.

Join Stella Miller, Huntington Audubon Society
President, and Jane Jackson, NSLA Associate
Director of Stewardship, for a morning filled
with wintering birds. If time allows, we will
extend our search to Beaver Lake in
Mill Neck.

The North Shore Land Alliance held its fifth annual wine auction on Saturday evening, September 27th 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 enjoyed dinner and a lively auction in the tent. Afterwards, a late set featuring Mad Pursuit entertained guests through the wee hours, rounding off an incredibly successful evening in support of land conservation.

The Trustees and staff of the Land Alliance are very grateful to the event Co-Chairs, Emily and Gib Chapman and Sherri and Jack



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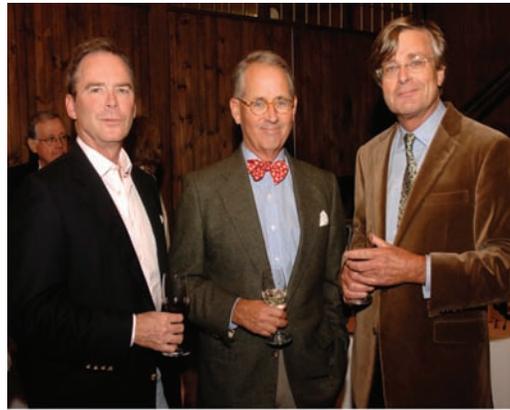
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Grace. We also thank Julie and Luis Rinaldini and staff at Groton Place for hosting this wonderful evening. The event raised over \$570,000 for the Alliance and its efforts to protect the lands that protect our quality of life. That total includes \$208,000 which was raised in the live auction for the Conservation Action Fund, a revolving fund which allows the North Shore Land Alliance to take rapid action to protect key parcels of land from development. The remaining proceeds will be used for stewardship and legal defense and to cover operating expenses. The NSLA thanks its friends and supporters who contributed so generously to the evening’s success.

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NORTH SHORE LAND ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, October 25th, NSLA hosted its 5th Annual Meeting at the Bailey Arboretum in Lattingtown. Over 25 members, board and staff were in attendance.

Board Chair Carter Bales welcomed the group and shared a few thoughts about our first 5 years. He acknowledged that our accomplishments have been significant for such a small organization, particularly in community outreach and the protection of over 700 acres of local land. He also added that the economic challenges facing the world will create both opportunities and challenges for conservation.

Lisa Ott, President, presented “Highlights of the Year”. Those highlights were:

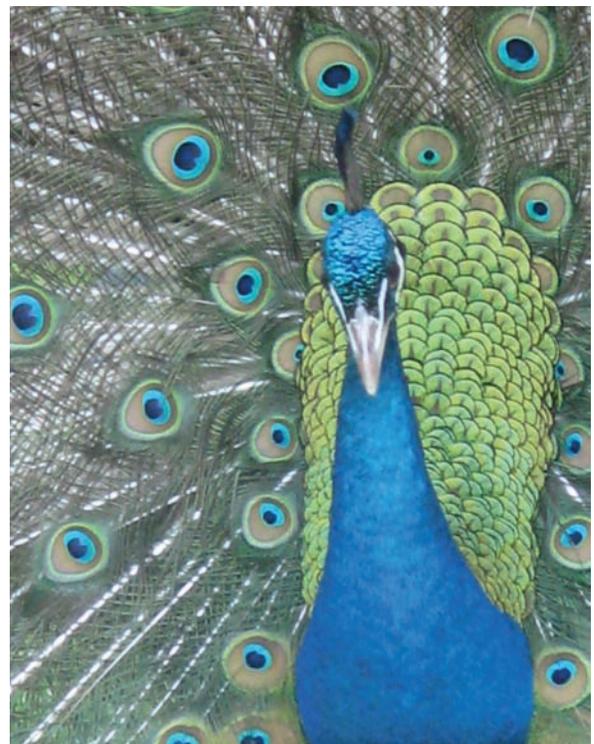
1. Land Conservation – 202 acres protected in 2008
Public Easements in Progress - 26 acres Hillside Farm in Oyster Bay Cove
Private Easements – 4 acres to be completed by year end
Public Acquisition – 172 acres

2. Advocacy

Federal - Expanded benefits of easements in perpetuity
State - Brought more State attention to funding at the local level

Local -

- Ran the Campaign for the Town of Huntington Bond Program
- Advocated for the creation a new sustainable funding source.
- Assisted in spending the remainder of bond money



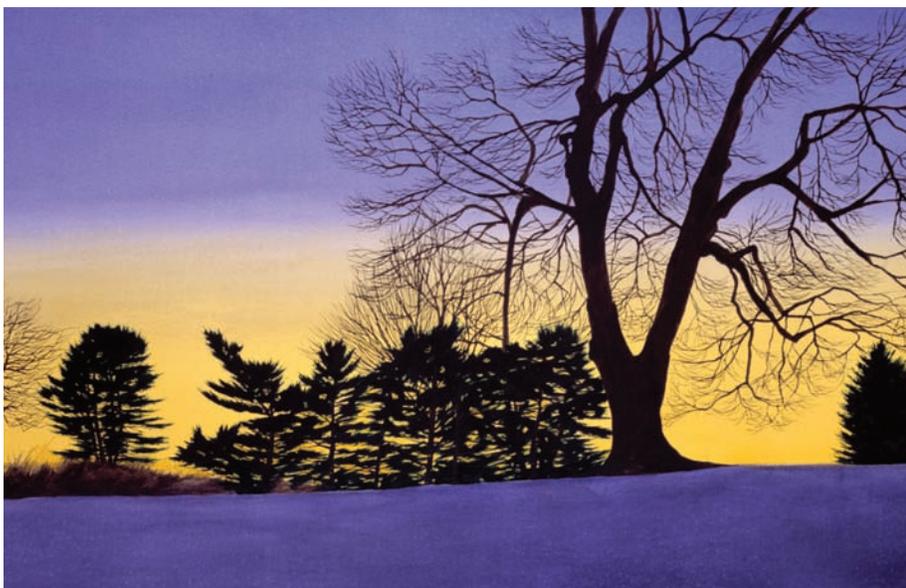
3. Educational Outreach - Hosted Successful Seminar for Public Officials in collaboration with the Nassau Planning Federation - Featuring renowned attorney and planning expert George Hawkins whose talk was titled Global Warming and a Theory of Almost Everything 110+ Attendees

4. Stewardship of 4 Preserves Totaling 65 Acres
Major trailwork and improvements at both the Cushman and Fox Hollow Preserves
Hosted 7 successful "Walks in the Woods" with 110 participants
Began to build a Volunteer Program

5. Fundraising
Hosted 3 successful events - Open Space Society Dinner, Wine Auction and Dinner, and Polo Membership Event
Increased membership to 1,472 dues paying members

6. Organization
Welcomed 6 new board members, 1 advisory board member and 1 new staff member in 2008
Board - Elizabeth Ainslie, Gib Chapman, Hal Davidson, Bridget Macaskill, Hollis Russell and Frank Segarra
Advisory Board - Dick Lundgren. Staff - Mimi DeSena, part-time bookkeeper

Members were also treated to a special presentation by NSLA Board Chair Carter Bales who is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He shared information from an article he co-authored titled *Containing Climate Change: An Opportunity for U.S. Leadership in Foreign Affairs* magazine. To obtain a copy of Carter's article, please call the NSLA office at 516-626-0908.



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GREEN SPACE DOES MORE THAN 'PRETTY UP' THE NEIGHBORHOOD

A recent article in the British medical journal, *The Lancet*, concluded that there are significant health benefits for those who live near green spaces. The study matched data from hundreds and thousands of deaths to green spaces in local areas. The research found that even small parks in dense urban areas can provide profound health benefits. It further found that even a bit of greenery near homes can cut the "health gap" between rich and poor. The change was particularly clear in areas such as heart disease and stroke, supporting the idea that the presence of green spaces encourages people to be more active. The researchers said that other studies had suggested that contact with green spaces also helped reduce blood pressure and stress levels, perhaps even promoting faster healing after surgery. Dr Terry Hartig, of Uppsala University concluded: "This study offers valuable evidence that green space does more than 'pretty up' the neighborhood - it appears to have real

effects on health inequality, of a kind that politicians and health authorities should take seriously."

Similar research by Professor Barbara Maher showed that roadside trees improve health by protecting people from pollution. "Urban and roadside trees may be an under-used resource both in terms of acting as natural 'pollution monitors' and actively screening people, especially, children and the already ill, from the damaging health effects of particle pollution," she said.



The full article can be found at:
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/7714950.stm>

fast facts on **SPRAWL**

Sprawling development on forests and farms reduces U.S. carbon-absorbing capacity.

1 | Sprawl-like development uses 10% to 40% more land than compact development.

www.mapc.org/transportation/trans/alternatives/transit_pdfs_tod_trancoopresearchprog.pdf

2 | From 1982 to 1997, the U.S. population grew by 17%, while urbanized land grew by 47%.

www.smartgrowthamerica.org/openspace.html

3 | Between 1992 and 1997, the U.S. paved over more than 6 million acres of farmland—an area roughly the size of Maryland

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4 | Terrestrial uptake, e.g., in farms and forests, offsets about one-third of global anthropogenic CO₂ emissions.

www.fossil.energy.gov/programs/dequestration/terrestrial

“A TASTE OF LONG ISLAND” NEW MEMBER EVENT



Long Islanders gathered at the big open fields of the Meadowbrook Polo Club to enjoy an afternoon of polo, shopping at our farmer’s market, and sampling of dozens of Long Island wines. The late summer weather was perfect with not a cloud in the sky. Over 100 people came with their picnic baskets and lunched under sunny skies along side the polo field. The enthusiastic fans followed the action of fast moving players, mallets and horses with game plays narrated by Jim Brodie.

Shoppers were given our new re-usable bag which they promptly filled with locally grown fruit, vegetables, flowers and baked goods from our farmers’ market. In keeping with the old fashioned charm of the event, tin

To attract new members to the cause of land conservation, NSLA held its first “Taste of Long Island” on Sunday, September 21st. Local

cans were set on each table where the buyers made their own change. Laura Brodie from Testa Wines and Michael Douglass from Post Wines provided wines for tasting. A representative from Volunteers for Wildlife brought hawks and other wild birds to captivate the attention of the younger children.

Volunteers from local high schools helped set up the marketplace and manage the event. We received donations from Messina Market, Anderson Farms and Meyer’s Farm. Contributors included Angel Plants, Dodds and Eder, Jericho Cider Mill, Long Island Cauliflower Association, Schmitt Farm and Youngs’ Farm.



from left: volunteers Massie Noesen, Gema Colon



Each quarter Whole Foods selects a non-profit organization to support through their reusable bag program. The money raised is from a percentage of the sales of the reusable bags. This quarter (September 29 to January 18), Whole Foods (in Jericho and Manhasset) chose the North Shore Land Alliance to be the recipient of their program.

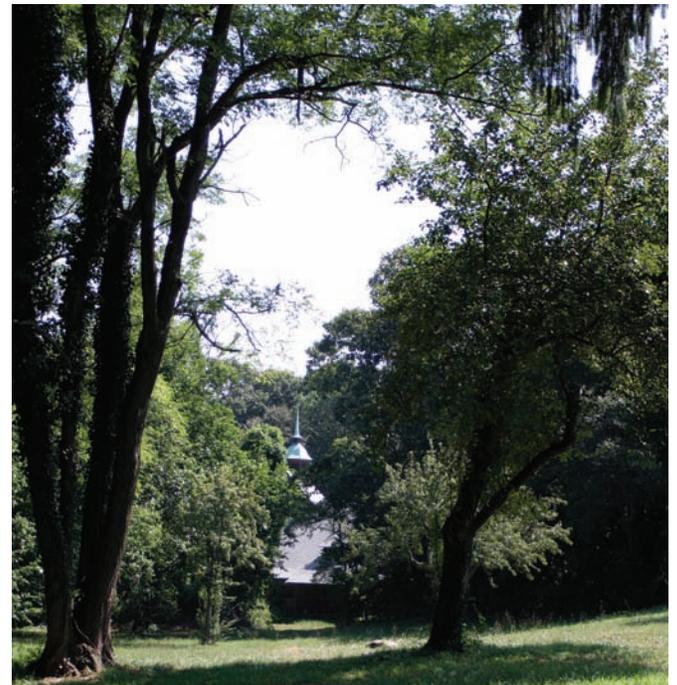
The money that NSLA receive comes from the rebate that Whole Foods gives customers for using reusable bags when they shop. The cashiers ask the customers who have their groceries packed in reusable bags if they would like to donate 10 cents per bag to the NSLA instead of having it deducted from their bill. So, the next time you are shopping at Whole Foods, remember to tell the cashier that you would like the rebate to go to the North Shore Land Alliance.

READY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD?

You can start by planting a tree — or two or ten, if you've got the room. During its lifetime, one large tree can absorb as much as 11 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), a major contributor to global warming. Plant two trees, and you've got a couple of greenhouse-gas guzzlers that will together absorb nearly 21 tons — about as much CO₂ as the average American emits in one year.

While all trees — large or small — take in CO₂ during photosynthesis, the larger species of trees such as, Red Maple, American Beech, Tulip Tree, Red Oak, Liberty Elm and American Linden, hold in more carbon because of their sheer size.

While it's important to plant trees to absorb CO₂, remember they are more than just carbon sinks. Think of a tree as an all-in-one provider of many benefits, including releasing oxygen, providing cooling, protecting against wind, absorbing ultraviolet radiation, providing food and shelter for wildlife, and absorbing storm water to help prevent flooding.



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NEW BOARD MEMBERS



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Bridget Macaskill

Bridget joined Oppenheimer Funds in 1983. She was its President from 1991, its Chief Executive Officer from 1995 to 2001, and Chairman from 2000 to 2001.

Bridget founded BAM Consulting, an independent financial services consulting firm in 2003, where she is a Principal. She received a B.S. with Honors from the University of Edinburgh.

Bridget lives in New York and Long Island with her husband, John, and sons, John and Ben. She is an avid gardener and advocate for nature.



Trustee

Francisco Segarra

Frank is the Managing Director and Global Marketing Manager for the Greater New York Region. Prior to joining the Long Island office, he was a private banker responsible for client management of some of Citi's most prominent customers. He joined Citi over 11 years ago after working at Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Republic National Bank, and US Trust.

In addition to running the Private Bank on Long Island, Frank is also on the Philharmonic Board and a Trustee for The Miracle Foundation.

Frank was born in Santiago, Cuba and has lived on Long Island for most of his life. He is a graduate of Bernard M. Baruch College where he received a BA in Business Administration with a major in Finance. Frank lives in Garden City with his wife, Tara, and their daughter Olivia who is currently attending the Hotchkiss School.

Trustee

Elizabeth Ainslie

Elizabeth Ainslie is the owner of Elizabeth Ainslie Interiors. Elizabeth serves on the Executive Board of the Board of Trustees of the Smithsonian Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum and is a member of the Board of Overseers of Colby College.

Elizabeth received a B.S. in Government from Colby College and studied design at El Centro College in Dallas, Texas. She lives in Brookville with her husband, Lee, and sons, Ford and John.



Advisory Board Member

Richard Lundgren

Dick, who recently retired from a successful career in real estate in the Boston area, is a student of urban planning at NYU. In his previous career, he served as the senior vice president of Hunneman Commercial Company and former Vice President of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board.

Dick is a trustee for The Trustees of Reservations and a member of the Board of Advisors of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. He is a member of several preservation organizations, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Action, and the Boston Preservation Alliance. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the Boston Athenaeum, and is listed in Marquis "Who's Who in America" (2001) as a Real Estate Executive/City Planner.

Dick grew up in Old Westbury and is returning to his roots. He has been our leader in advocacy efforts to protect a portion of the Hitchcock property in Old Westbury.

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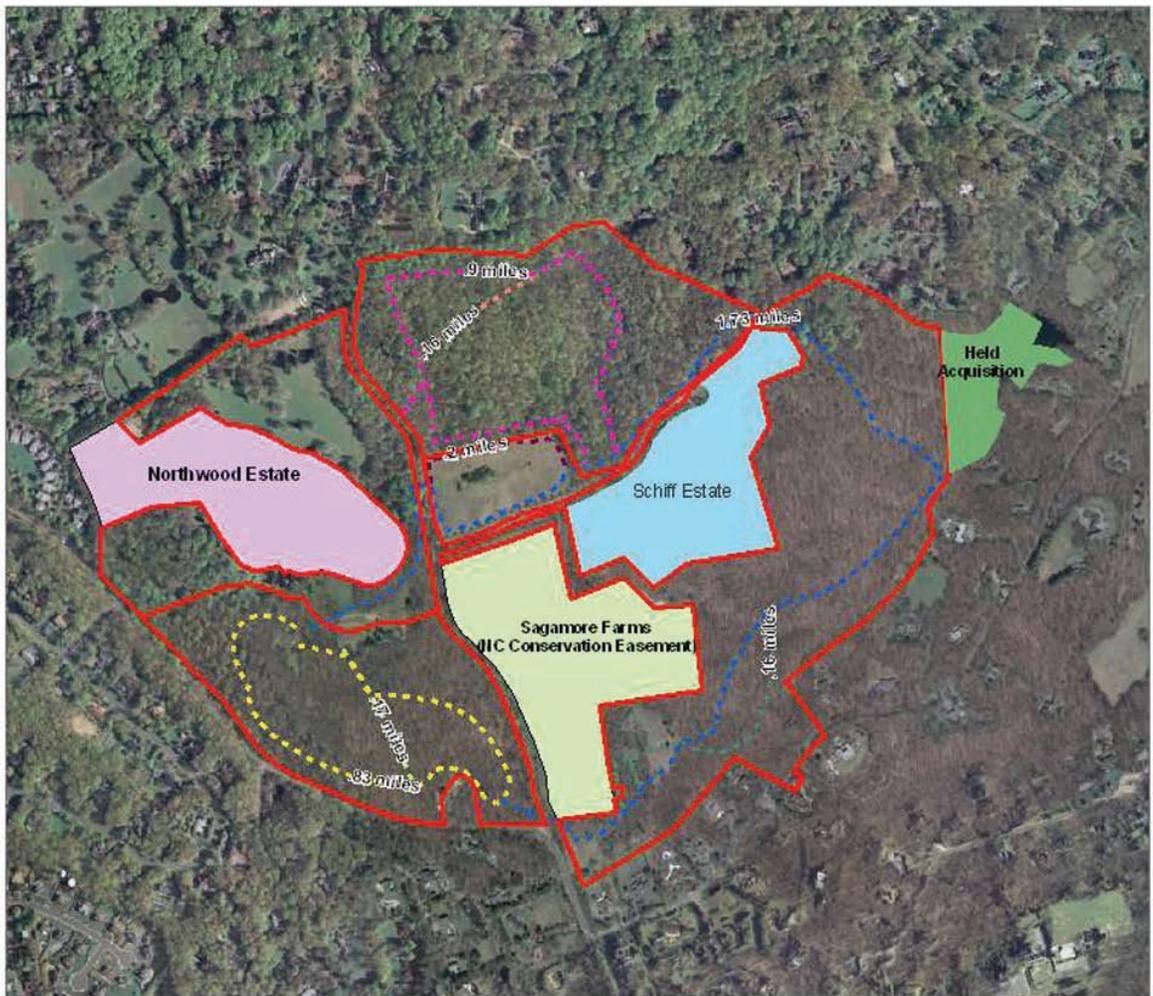
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Field Acquisition

Prepared by: Susan F. Flannery
Real Estate Planning & Development



Held Pond and its connection to Tiffany Creek Preserve

REBUTTAL LETTER RE: CANTOR STUDY FINDINGS

TO: Suffolk County and Nassau County Elected Officials
RE: Martin Cantor's "Open Space Study"
DATE: October 23, 2008
FROM: See List at End of Memo

"Mr. Cantor has provided a report that is fatally flawed in its theoretical underpinnings, in its method, and in its presentation of data. His findings and recommendations provide no useful guidance to the important question he addresses – should [government] continue its pioneering programs for farmland and open space acquisition. "

--- Michael Zweig, Ph.D., State University of New York, Stony Brook

The undersigned organizations, business leaders and civic groups reject as misleading and false the recently released economic report, "Long Island Government Land Acquisition: Can Long Island Taxpayers and the Regional Economy Still Afford It?" by Martin Cantor of Dowling College. We find that the work fails to meet the most basic objective standards of scholarship, accuracy and forthrightness. The study is fatally flawed, intellectually dishonest and deliberately misleading. We urge you to ignore its biased and misguided findings.

Protecting open space is the surest way we have to save our quality of life (clean and safe drinking water, clean water in our bays and harbors, safe and beautiful parklands for recreation), sustain a healthy tourist and agricultural industry, and keep our future tax burden lower. According to the Trust for Public Land, over 200 economic studies already exist, showing the net positive value of land protection. We note that Cantor's research fails to cite any other scholarly work to contradict these balanced studies or any studies that support his assertions. Cantor's report attempts to argue against this well-documented set of findings, through assertion, without any evidence.

In four primary ways, we note that this study deliberately sidesteps a fair and accurate picture of the value of preserving natural lands to the residents of Suffolk County and the rest of Long Island:

1) Development costs taxpayers MORE than not developing it. Cantor's study fails to mention, no less account for, the costs of government services avoided when land is not developed. A mid-90's Suffolk County Planning Department study found that for every \$1.00 lost in tax revenue through government protection of farmland, the taxpayer avoided \$1.23 in future taxes for police, ambulance, schools, and other community services. Potatoes and rabbits don't ask for those services. The same principle applies to protected natural areas. Everything government does costs money. That by itself tells us nothing interesting. What is important is to compare the cost with the benefit.

2) Natural lands PROVIDE economic value. Cantor's report does not even acknowledge the economic benefits that flow from farmland and natural area preservation. Cantor's study makes no mention of the well-known and well documented contributions that farmland, natural areas and open space make to regional economies through tourist dollars, employment and locally available farm produce (in the case of farmland), and elevation of property values in entire communities where ample space is devoted to parkland and open space (not just properties fringing open space).

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Nor does his study mention the economic value of “natural capital” or natural services -- that is, what nature by itself adds to goods and services that society values—for example—clean water or the value of wetlands in reducing pollutants to groundwater or surface waters and preventing property damage when storms cause shoreline flooding.

3) Faulty analysis and bad assumptions mar the report – the report fails to accurately or fairly represent the costs of open space and farmland preservation as they might apply to the average Long Island resident. In fact, the dollars for land preservation generated by the Community Preservation Funds of Long Island’s 5 East End towns, for example, are not derived from property tax revenues and apply only once to home buyers at the time of purchase; many of these purchasers are not even domiciled in Long Island as a primary residence. Similarly, the Suffolk County 1/4% Drinking Water Protection Fund receives its funding from a 1/4% of the sales tax levied on purchases in the County and NOT from property tax levies. In neither case does it make sense to “average” such cost across all Long Island residents – since their level of exposure to these taxes is highly variable. Similarly, he offers no statistics to support his assertions that sewerage additional areas of Suffolk County would be either economically viable or cost-effective even if ALL the available funds currently earmarked for farmland and natural area protection could be redirected to that purpose (which, short of County and Town ballot referenda, is not possible, in any case). More importantly, Cantor’s study fails to acknowledge that many areas on Long Island are already sewered without having been redeveloped or obtaining any of the added economic benefits he predicts should result.

4) False conclusions and false dichotomies are promoted without evidence – Cantor’s study asks its readers to make a false choice: between development and the preservation of farmland and natural areas in our region – both are not only possible, but arguably essential to sustain our healthy economy. Most Long Islanders accept this balance. We certainly do. But to eviscerate municipal open space and farmland protection programs, as the study implicitly recommends, would drastically reduce the quality of life for Long Islanders and increase their tax costs, not the other way around. It is also true that nature gives people many things that are not traded in the marketplace: among them recreation, relaxation, appreciation of natural beauty, education, artistic inspiration, sense of community, and understanding of the forces that shaped the place where we live. These cannot be bought and sold, but they are valuable in their own right and also irreplaceable.

We also call your attention to the fact that this poorly received and biased report was apparently funded at least in part by the same building, realtor and development interests that stand to profit from implementation of the one-sided conclusions and remedies offered in this paper. The builders, realtors and developers have been given just the kind of study they wanted to help push their pro-development agenda, an agenda they apparently now want the public to underwrite. While they may claim to support open space protection, through this study they would propose to strip away the funding that existing open space and farmland protection programs rely on.

Mr. Cantor’s study seems to argue, unfairly, for a reduction or end to government land preservation programs as a means to reduce property taxes paid by Long Island residents. Yet, even if it were true that elimination of these programs would reduce property taxes, Cantor’s report would have the funds redirected not to taxpayers but to purposes that benefit the builders, realtors and development

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interests of Long Island. His report seems almost purposefully unaware of the obvious inconsistencies within this set of arguments. We urge all elected officials to see through this thinly veiled ploy for what it really is.

To further amplify our concerns about this study, we attach a review of it prepared by Michael Zweig, professor of economics at the State University of New York, Stony Brook campus. In addition to many of the concerns cited above, Zweig also addresses the inappropriateness of the four land use models that Cantor's report cites in the appendix. They are not workable options for Long Island. See Zweig study on NSLA homepage at www.northshorelandalliance.org.

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