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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Council of Environmental Quality will convene a regular public meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Rose Caracappa Legislative Auditorium, William Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, NY 11787. Pursuant to the Citizens Public Participation Act, all citizens are invited to submit testimony, either orally or in writing at the meeting.

Written comments can also be submitted prior to the meeting to the attention of:

**James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst  
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## AGENDA

### MEETING NOTIFICATION

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9:30 a.m.**  
**Legislative Auditorium**  
**North County Complex**  
**Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge**

#### **Call to Order:**

Minutes - check the web at

<http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/departments/planning/minutes.aspx#ceq>

Current minutes are unavailable at this time

#### **Correspondence:**

#### **Public Portion:**

#### **Project Review:**

##### **Recommended TYPE II Actions:**

- A. Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table for November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

#### **Project Review:**

##### **Recommended Unlisted Actions:**

- A. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the North Fork Knolls LLC, Formerly Hubbard Duck Farm. Town of Riverhead.

**Historic Trust Docket:**

**Director's Report:**

Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites  
Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

**Suffolk County Parks:**

Updates on County Parks

**Other Business:**

Presentation on Wertheim Wetlands Project by Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent Division of Vector Control Suffolk County DPW.

Presentation on Invasive Plant Management by Dr. Andrew F. Senesac of Cornell Cooperative Extension and Katherine Schwager of the Nature Conservancy.

**CAC Concerns:**

**\*\*\*CAC MEMBERS:** The above information has been forwarded to your local Legislators, Supervisors and DEC personnel. Please check with them prior to the meeting to see if they have any comments or concerns regarding these projects that they would like brought to the CEQ's attention.

**\*\*\*MEMBERS – PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND.**

**\*\*\*ALSO FOLLOWING THE MEETING PLEASE LEAVE BEHIND ALL MATERIALS OF PROJECTS THAT YOU DO NOT WANT OR NEED AS WE CAN RECYCLE THESE MATERIALS LATER ON.**

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9:30 a.m.

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Michael Kaufman, Vice Chairperson

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## 1 A P P E A R A N C E S:

2 James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst

3 Richard Machtay, member

4 Gloria R. Russo, member

5 Mary Ann Spencer, member

6 Dan Pichney, member

7 Joy Squires, CAC Reps

8 Richard Martin, Historic Society

9 Kara Hahn, Historic Society

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## 11 N O T P R E S E N T

12 Eva Growney, CEQ

13 Thomas Gulbransen, CEQ

14 Daniel Pichney, CEQ

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## 16 A L S O P R E S E N T:

17 Laretta Fischer, Warner Property

18 Nick Gibbons, Suffolk County Parks

19 Nancy Lenz, Cashin Associates

20 Niamh Perrotta, Traffic Engineer, DPW

21 Scott Spittal, VHB, Senior Project Manager

22 Dominick Ninivaggi, DPW, Superintendent

23 Tim Hopkins, Suffolk County Attorneys Office

24 Steve Jones, CEO, Suffolk County Water Authority

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1           CHAIRMAN: I would like to call our  
2 meeting to order. Welcome to the  
3 October of 2009 CEQ meeting.

4           For our members, the November 18th,  
5 meeting will be at the Legislature  
6 Auditorium.

7           The August 19th, minutes are on the  
8 web.

9           Any comments on them?

10          MR. MACHTAY: No. August, I read  
11 and they were fine.

12          MR. CHAIRMAN: Any other comments?

13          (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

14          MR. CHAIRMAN: Make a motion.

15          MR. MACHTAY: I will make the  
16 motion.

17          MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a motion to  
18 accept the August minutes?

19          MS. SPENCER: I will second.

20          MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a second.

21          All in favor?

22          THE BOARD: Aye.

23          (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

24          HEARING OFFICER: All opposed?

25          (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.

2 Jim, is there any other  
3 correspondence you want to call to our  
4 attention. I see we have a letter from  
5 the --

6 MR. BAGG: Yes. We got a letter  
7 from the Acting Commissioner of the  
8 Health Department in favor of the Vector  
9 Control Plan for 2010, so that is in  
10 everybody's folder.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Then we can have  
12 this delivered today?

13 MR. BAGG: No, no, no.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's for the next  
15 time; alright.

16 Historic Trust -- Director's  
17 Report.

18 MR. MARTIN: Good morning.

19 On our housing program, a quick  
20 update. We're still doing work at the  
21 Isaac Mills House. The roof restoration  
22 is taking longer than we thought, so the  
23 tenants, at this point, will probably be  
24 moving in on December 1. So that's a  
25 month later than we had hoped. But that

1 project is moving forward, so we will  
2 have someone there for the Winter and  
3 under the Historic Trust Custodial  
4 agreement, Jim Bagg had brought to my  
5 attention two resolutions that were  
6 going forward that I would like to give  
7 some background too and some  
8 clarification on.

9 The one is for a Custodial License  
10 Agreement with the Great South Bay  
11 Audubon Bonn Society for Brookside  
12 County Park in Sayville. That is now  
13 going forward to the Legislature in  
14 order to go into contract with this  
15 organization.

16 This park is dedicated -- it was  
17 reviewed for dedication -- excuse me --  
18 by the CEQ for both the building and the  
19 six acre property, and was also reviewed  
20 here at the CEQ to approve this  
21 organization and to occupy that site.

22 Jim, is that your understanding for  
23 that site?

24 MR. BAGG: Yes.

25 MR. MARTIN: So we have a reviewed



1           that and approved that group. They  
2           maintain the historic building there,  
3           and also provide programings and tours  
4           on the site and have done so for a  
5           number of a years. They have been a  
6           great group to work with, so I have no  
7           problems with that going forward. So  
8           that had to be reviewed and approved.

9           The other organization is the  
10          Custodial License Agreement with the  
11          North Fork Audubon Society for the inlet  
12          Pond County Park, and this is known as  
13          the red house out in Greenport on Route  
14          48 and this contract -- I just talked to  
15          our contracts yesterday. I wasn't aware  
16          this was moving forward at this point.  
17          What they have done is since they're  
18          both Audubon societies and they both do  
19          the same activities --

20          MR. CHAIRMAN: The one you're  
21          referring to is?

22          MR. MARTIN: Yes, I am sorry. The  
23          Great South Bay Audubon Society and the  
24          North Fork Audubon Society are very  
25          similar situations. There is an

1 historic house there which we have  
2 listed as an historic property and I  
3 think as county parks and also there is  
4 property -- there's actually about 56  
5 acres there, but they provide tours and  
6 keep the trails clear at that site.

7 They have been on-site for a number  
8 of years actually with the arrangement  
9 under the Town of Southold who had an  
10 management agreement with the Parks  
11 Department. The contract thought that  
12 they should have a direct contract with  
13 Parks and not through the Town of  
14 Southold, so they went ahead and drew up  
15 a contract and they moved it forward. I  
16 apologize that we didn't bring it to you  
17 first, but the group -- again, there's  
18 an historic house. It's an old farm  
19 house where they have their offices, and  
20 they provide interpretation programs and  
21 maintain the trails for us at that  
22 property.

23 So what happened was this contract  
24 mirrors the other one and they just put  
25 it forward and Jim also brought up

1 mistake in a sense in the "whereas  
2 clause" where it says, "Suffolk County  
3 Historic Trust is authorized the North  
4 Fork Audubon Society to act as custodian  
5 of Inlet Pond County Park via resolution  
6 129-2007." That is actually a mistake.  
7 That resolution only refers to the fact  
8 that we approve the building being  
9 listed under the Historic Trust. It did  
10 not approve that group going into that  
11 building.

12 I don't know if you would like any  
13 more information on this site. It was  
14 just brought to my attention just this  
15 week or if you feel comfortable moving  
16 forward on it.

17 Jim, if you have any comments?

18 MR. BAGG: I have no problems. I  
19 just wanted to point out to the CEQ that  
20 it is an Historic Trust and that's  
21 what's going on.

22 MR. MARTIN: And we need to correct  
23 that resolution.

24 MR. BAGG: I have a question. The  
25 Brooksite has not been dedicated to

1 Historic, yes?

2 MR. MARTIN: Right, it hasn't been.  
3 It just been reviewed by the CEQ and  
4 needs to go forward to the Legislature  
5 for full dedication.

6 MR. KAUFMAN: How large is the  
7 inlet?

8 MR. MARTIN: It is about 56 acres.  
9 There are different parcels that were  
10 bought overtime. I think the total now  
11 is about 56.

12 Nick, does that sound about right?

13 MR. GIBBONS: Yes.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Does anybody have  
15 any concerns about what Rich has told us  
16 to go ahead?

17 MR. KAUFMAN: It's pretty --

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: We will move ahead.

19 MR. MARTIN: Would you like to  
20 possibly do a resolution to approve the  
21 North Fork Audubon Society, and let the  
22 Legislature realize that you're okay  
23 with that when it comes forward?

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Would you feel more  
25 comfortable if we did that?

1 MR. MARTIN: I think -- just as

2 a --

3 MR. KAUFMAN: I will make a motion.

4 We have to do it as Historic Trust, so

5 that's not a problem. What exactly

6 should we be saying? What do we need to

7 say? It's obviously not SEQRA language

8 or anything like that. We simply just

9 approve of the lease and the project?

10 MR. MARTIN: Of the use, yes, park

11 and historic site.

12 MR. KAUFMAN: I will make a motion

13 as the Historic Trust that we approve of

14 the use and the project as described by

15 Richard Martin -- to approve their use.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: North Fork Audubon

17 Society too.

18 We have a motion?

19 MR. PICHNEY: Second.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: A second by Dan.

21 Any further discussions?

22 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

24 (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

1 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.

3 Anything else?

4 MR. MARTIN: No.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Jim, anything you

6 want to call on -- call out on the

7 extensive list of resolutions laid on

8 the table?

9 MR. BAGG: Yes, there is one thing

10 in here that I did notice. There is an

11 action in here. Basically, it is

12 requiring or suspending funds for a dog

13 run at Southaven County Park.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Which number?

15 MR. BAGG: (No response.)

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: We're looking

17 forward to the dog run.

18 MR. BAGG: Something like that.

19 Also another thing -- 1922 -- before we

20 get to that one is a law authorizing the

21 sale of 249 acres in Yaphank to the

22 Legacy Village Group for a mixed-use

23 development that is Type I Action. It

24 will require an EAF to be submitted to

25 you which is in the process of being

1 prepared by a consultant, so that will  
2 be on your agenda next time.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN how about if we move  
4 on and maybe Christine can identify it  
5 and then come back to it?

6 MR. BAGG: Yes.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, so we will  
8 delay that.

9 Now, I can tell it's October. Nick  
10 is here and we're going to discuss  
11 vector control.

12 Dominick, would you please identify  
13 yourself for the stenographer?

14 MR. NINIVAGGI: I am Dominick  
15 Ninivaggi. I am the Superintendent of  
16 Suffolk County Department of Public  
17 Works Division of Vector control, and I  
18 wish I could say that may be I am  
19 Mr. October, but that title is already  
20 taken.

21 (WHEREUPON, there was laughter.)

22 MR. NINIVAGGI: We have submitted  
23 our 2010 Annual Plan of work. We are  
24 basically following the same procedures  
25 as for 2008 and 2009.

1           Since 2007, the long term plan --  
2           an EIS was put into effect. This plan  
3           of work is materially the same as last  
4           years, again, especially on the water  
5           management. We're currently doing minor  
6           maintenance type work while the wetland  
7           stewardship plans develop.

8           The only change, I guess, you could  
9           say since the long term plan was put  
10          into effect is the State Department of  
11          Health has changed Public Health Law  
12          slightly, in that, they no longer  
13          declare a public health threat on each  
14          year that they redetect West Nile Virus.  
15          They basically changed the Public Health  
16          Law and determined that it's an ongoing  
17          threat.

18          We still will declare a health  
19          threat from -- just from the SEQRA  
20          standpoint. If we need to spray in  
21          freshwater wetlands for West Nile Virus  
22          and what that does is it allows us to  
23          spray under an emergency authorization  
24          instead of a freshwater wetlands permit.

25          So that is the procedure we have



1           been following. We are attempting to  
2           put together a follow-up procedure. We  
3           submitted an application to DEC for  
4           freshwater wetland permits which would  
5           essentially replace these emergency  
6           authorizations with an actual permit,  
7           and operationally it would be very  
8           similar to what we have been doing the  
9           last few years, but the advantage is  
10          that we have -- can have all our spray  
11          plans -- all our spray parameters --  
12          most of our no spray zones in place, in  
13          the Spring, before the season starts so  
14          if we find a virus, we don't have go  
15          through the emergency authorization  
16          process and all the parameters are in  
17          place.

18                 As part of that permit application,  
19                 we filed maps with them of areas that we  
20                 treated in the past for West Nile Virus  
21                 activity and for eastern equine  
22                 encephalitis virus activity, and what  
23                 we're hoping is that if that permit does  
24                 go through, we will have all these  
25                 pre-approved maps and pre-approved spray

1 parameters and will not have to go  
2 through the emergency authorization  
3 process.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: I know that makes  
5 your life easier, but does it make it  
6 too easy with regard to how readily you  
7 can begin to use your techniques? In  
8 other words, is it like a shoe horn  
9 where you can start spraying, what have  
10 you, more easily then in the past and  
11 we're taking some of the steps of  
12 watching the environment out of the  
13 loop?

14 MR. NINIVAGGI: No, the  
15 surveillance and the indicators of when  
16 we need to spray would still be the same  
17 as in the long term planning and EIS.  
18 One of the things we have put in this  
19 permit is we have a particular problem  
20 area in the southern part of Brookhaven  
21 Town. Basically, the area is within the  
22 flight range of the Fire Island National  
23 Seashore where we get very high numbers  
24 -- usually a salt marsh mosquitos, and  
25 what we've asked the DEC to do there is

1 -- as you may know, we have two  
2 scenarios under which we apply materials  
3 for adult mosquitos. One is virus  
4 response and the other one is what we  
5 call vector control -- response to high  
6 numbers of mosquitos. I've already  
7 discussed the virus response which again  
8 would be essentially the same only under  
9 permit instead of emergency  
10 authorization. In this area of southern  
11 Brookhaven Town, we have asked the DEC  
12 for a limited approval to treat for  
13 vector control purposes in an adjacent  
14 to some of the freshwater wetlands  
15 there. Again, this is not a countywide  
16 authorization because we don't really  
17 need this to be countywide, but these  
18 communities get a lot of mosquitos and  
19 people live in the freshwater wetlands  
20 and it's very difficult to bring the  
21 mosquitos under control without spraying  
22 it or near freshwater wetlands. So  
23 under the vector control scenario, we  
24 would -- it would be different and more  
25 restrictive than if there was a health

1 emergency. We wouldn't be treating DEC  
2 lands just most wetlands. Most salt  
3 marshes would not be treated, but we  
4 would be able to get closer to  
5 freshwater wetlands. So we're waiting  
6 to see if that application is still  
7 pending with the DEC.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: While we have you,  
9 could you give us an update on what  
10 conditions were this past Summer with  
11 regard to mosquitos?

12 MR. NINIVAGGI: Well, I guess every  
13 year is an unusual year in mosquito  
14 control. This year we had very wet and  
15 cool conditions in the early part of the  
16 season. June and July we had about  
17 double the normal rainfall which  
18 produced a lot of freshwater mosquitos,  
19 but we were kind of fortunate on the  
20 virus front, in that, it was also  
21 relatively cool and one of the things we  
22 have seen is that when the conditions  
23 are cool, virus activity seems to slow  
24 down.

25 So, while in some years we might

1           have 40 or 50 positive mosquitos samples  
2           for West Nile Virus, this year we had a  
3           total of 17. So it was relatively low  
4           year for virus activity. A lot of what  
5           -- I guess 13 out of those 17 isolations  
6           were in one area. One area was the  
7           Carl's River Corridor in the Town of  
8           Babylon and that's where we did one  
9           aerial adulticide treatment.

10                 As far as human activity, there is  
11           one state confirmed case that we just  
12           find out about late last week. The  
13           person -- an elderly person in the West  
14           Babylon area and this person apparently  
15           was hospitalized September 24th. The  
16           person is now out of the hospital but in  
17           a nursing home, so it is apparently a  
18           fairly serious case. We're reviewing  
19           that case. We want to find out exactly  
20           where it is located and whether there is  
21           anything we could have done differently.  
22           It shows that even if a year with very  
23           low virus activity, you can still have  
24           some human involvement but the other  
25           interesting scenario, as a region, is

1           there is a lot of activity for eastern  
2           equine encephalitis Triple E, and there  
3           was a human case in Oswego County.  
4           Upstate, a lot of virus activity there.  
5           There was a human case in New Hampshire.  
6           There was human activity as far as Nova  
7           Scotia which is very unusual. There is  
8           a lot of activity in New Jersey but for  
9           some reason we didn't see any Triple E  
10          virus activity here in Suffolk County.

11                 We don't have a good explanation  
12          for that. The main vector species was  
13          relatively low in numbers this year, but  
14          we're happy that they have not had  
15          Triple E activity.

16                 MR. CHAIRMAN: Could you also tell  
17          us -- based on what you just told us  
18          concerning mosquitos, how did that  
19          impact your activities? Did you reduce  
20          them?

21                 MR. NINIVAGGI: We were able to  
22          main our surveillence activities. We  
23          had a lot of viral control this year.  
24          We did a lot of larviciding which is the  
25          acreage figures are at the end of the

1 plan of work, so we did more larviciding  
2 then we did last year and less adult  
3 control, and those numbers can fluctuate  
4 with weather and virus activity but they  
5 generally remain pretty steady.

6 We once, again, treated more acres  
7 with a bacterial product particularly  
8 BTI and then with grow regulators. So  
9 basically we followed the procedures.  
10 We followed the long term plan and we  
11 continue to do so in 2010.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you get any  
13 complaints?

14 MR. NINIVAGGI: We got a lot of  
15 service calls and a lot of calls about  
16 stagnant swimming pools, and we did put  
17 in place an improvement coordination  
18 procedure with the Health Department to  
19 try to abate those. We had an outbreak  
20 of salt marsh mosquitos in early August  
21 which generated a lot of phone  
22 complaints for about a week and caused  
23 us to do adult control.

24 Around Labor Day weekend, we had a  
25 very large outbreak of salt marsh

1           mosquitos and we kind of suspected they  
2           were coming but, of course, they didn't  
3           show up until Labor Day weekend itself  
4           and we got a lot of service calls as a  
5           result of that. And for better or  
6           worse, after Labor Day weekend, we got a  
7           lot of requests for adult control in  
8           these areas, but we did very little  
9           because the weather conditions were not  
10          contusive and our criteria called for us  
11          not to spray because we don't think it  
12          is going to work, so we had some unhappy  
13          people in that respect because they were  
14          asking for us to spray and we had to  
15          tell them that we couldn't but by about  
16          the third week in September, that plea  
17          declined.

18                 MR. CHAIRMAN: Now next year, we  
19                 have to revisit the long term plan; is  
20                 that not correct?

21                 MR. NINIVAGGI: Yes, I guess it's a  
22                 triennial report.

23                 THE CHAIRMAN: And part of that, as  
24                 I recall, is it is suppose to have a  
25                 wetland management plan. Can you tell



1           us what the status of the development of  
2           that plan is? Are we going to be on  
3           schedule to properly review the  
4           triennial report?

5           MR. NINIVAGGI: The triennial  
6           report will be completed in, I believe,  
7           late 2010. If I am --

8           MS. DEMPSEY: Around 2010, we'll  
9           have a draft and what's nice about the  
10          whole process really is we are working  
11          very closely with the Health Department  
12          and the health educators in providing  
13          the information required in the  
14          findings.

15          MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you identify  
16          yourself for the stenographer.

17          MS. DEMPSEY: Mary Dempsey,  
18          Biologist of Suffolk County Department  
19          of Environmental and Engineer.

20          MR. NINIVAGGI: Mary has been,  
21          obviously, working very closely with my  
22          Department and she has been taken the  
23          lead on coordinating this vector control  
24          standpoint and, of course, we have been  
25          working closely on the -- a consultant

1 team has been hired for the wetland  
2 stewardship program. We have been  
3 providing them information that they  
4 need. We met with them in the field,  
5 and we're continuing to work with them  
6 as they develop their -- particularly  
7 their criteria for wetlands health, and  
8 we have given them a lot of feedback on  
9 that, and we're trying to anticipate  
10 some of the questions that might be  
11 asked based on our experience with the  
12 long term plan. So, hopefully by the  
13 time everything comes in, we will have a  
14 good product for you.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: My concern and I  
16 know this is not under your control, but  
17 my concern is that the wetland  
18 managements plan should have been well  
19 underway by now -- probably for a year  
20 and-a-half at least and that next year  
21 we're not going to be in a position  
22 simply because of not having a  
23 sufficient amount of time to have all  
24 the proper documentation to move forward  
25 with what you need to do.

1           So, is there a way that we can get  
2           this process functioning more  
3           efficiently?

4           MR. NINIVAGGI: We like to think  
5           that we're working as sufficiently as we  
6           can be. I think it's an appropriate  
7           thing to remind the appropriate  
8           commissioners about how anxious you're  
9           to see this. I know we have been  
10          working closely with the consultants and  
11          kind of holding their feet to the fire  
12          on there. We're going to continue to do  
13          that because we -- from our standpoint  
14          in the vector control program, we think  
15          there are a lot of opportunities for  
16          reducing pesticide use from good wetland  
17          management and the hang up is basically  
18          defining what good wetland management is  
19          which is what this project is supposed  
20          to do for us, so we're anxious to see  
21          that as well.

22          I should mention that we have been  
23          working very closely with the State DEC,  
24          and I would say that the relationship  
25          with the DEC has improved significantly

1 over the last year or so in particular  
2 and we have been working with them on  
3 getting funds for a project at Indian  
4 Island County Park, and I am very  
5 pleased to report that the DEC has  
6 actually been working with us on the  
7 preliminary design face of that project  
8 which if it ever does get funded and  
9 gets to you guys, it will have their  
10 input which will be tremendously helpful  
11 because when you have the permitting  
12 agency in on the early stage, by the  
13 time you get to the permit process, all  
14 the problems should be solved so that  
15 has been very positive.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Jim, can we write a  
17 letter to the Director of Energy and  
18 Environment pointing out that it's  
19 imperative and that we have a wetlands  
20 management plan and in order to properly  
21 move forward with the vector control  
22 process in 2010?

23 MR. BAGG: Yes.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Michael, I know you  
25 want to ask a question.

1           MR. KAUFMAN: First off, I was  
2           looking at the pesticide use list in  
3           2009; is that up or down compared to,  
4           let's say, 2008 in terms of total usage?

5           MR. NINIVAGGI: Larviciding is up  
6           because of the extremely and most of  
7           those acreage figures come from the  
8           aerial larviciding program. Adulticide  
9           acreage is down because we have had less  
10          virus activity and we had relatively  
11          higher salt marsh activity. It is an  
12          interesting -- it is very common that  
13          when you have a wet year there is sort  
14          of seesaw effect. Your freshwater  
15          mosquitos will be up and the saltwater  
16          marsh mosquitos are down. We had  
17          relatively little virus activity, so  
18          that drove the adulticide numbers down,  
19          but the marshes were very wet this year.  
20          They were wet almost every week, so that  
21          required a lot of larvicide by  
22          helicopter.

23          MR. KAUFMAN: The second question.  
24          On Page 10, you talk about you're  
25          able now a little bit to differentiate

1 culex salinarius and I think it's culex  
2 pipiens.

3 MR. NINIVAGGI: Pipiens, yes.

4 MR. KAUFMAN: Has there been any  
5 changes in strategy that you're looking  
6 at? I mean are the bugs two different  
7 species? Different enough in behavior  
8 to justify the different type of  
9 strategy or are they functioning similar  
10 to each other?

11 MR. NINIVAGGI: Basically, what  
12 we're finding is that based on some of  
13 the research we did and had published,  
14 is that culex salinarius can breed in a  
15 lot of different locations but in  
16 Suffolk County, it seems like the major  
17 sources are the upper parts of salt  
18 marshes, and one of the interesting  
19 things when we looked at different types  
20 of salt marshes in that paper, we found  
21 that some of the relatively undisturbed  
22 salt marshes seem to have the largest  
23 numbers of culex salinarius. So I think  
24 that, that has implications for wetland  
25 management in the sense that culex

1 salinarius is not a tremendous biting  
2 problem compared to some of the other  
3 salt marsh species because it tends to  
4 not fly as far. It tends to bite mostly  
5 at night, but it's an excellent vector  
6 of West Nile virus. So it's an  
7 interesting situation there where it was  
8 relatively undisturbed marshes, you have  
9 a species that is important vector --  
10 its an important public health mosquito,  
11 but its not so much a major so called  
12 nuisance species. So I think that when  
13 we start looking at what we might want  
14 to do in terms of wetland management, we  
15 need to pay attention to the areas where  
16 culex salinarius breeds.

17 MR. KAUFMAN: You were talking  
18 about the Mastic Shirley area as being  
19 an area of special concern. Is that  
20 because of the physical layout of the  
21 area? It's basically finger sticking  
22 into the marshes and things like that or  
23 does that prompt a different approach?

24 MR. NINIVAGGI: Yes, there are a  
25 lot of issues there. Part of it is that

1           it's -- there are a lot of small salt  
2           marshes -- degraded salt marshes  
3           associated with the Mastic Shirley  
4           peninsula. There are wetlands up among  
5           the residential areas. You will find  
6           houses that are actually in mapped  
7           freshwater wetlands and your also  
8           adjacent to the federal wilderness in  
9           Fire Island and we occasionally have  
10          outbreaks of mosquitos from Fire Island  
11          reaching the Mastic and Shirley area and  
12          even into Bellport and Brookhaven  
13          Hamlet.

14                 We did establish a New Jersey light  
15          trap at Smith Point Park just inside the  
16          federal property, and that trap, by far,  
17          we get the highest numbers of mosquitos  
18          by one to two orders of magnitude in  
19          that -- which is reflecting mosquitos  
20          coming out of the wilderness.

21                 As a matter of fact, they did a CDC  
22          light trap in the wilderness this year  
23          and they caught about 80,000 mosquitos  
24          in single night and our criteria for  
25          treatment is 100. So that gives you an



1           idea of the number mosquitos that can  
2           come out of this wilderness area.

3           MR. KAUFMAN: Basically pointing  
4           Mastic and Shirley as areas of special  
5           concern. When I was looking from the  
6           findings statements, et cetera, it  
7           seemed as if looking at it as an area of  
8           special concern, would be consistent  
9           with a plan?

10          MR. NINIVAGGI: Exactly. The other  
11          thing that the DEC asked for, and I  
12          think that was very appropriate was in  
13          terms of what is the virus activity in  
14          the Mastic and Shirley -- the southern  
15          Brookhaven area, and we looked that up  
16          and there are substantial numbers of  
17          virus isolation of West Nile virus,  
18          Triple E, and there are other viruses of  
19          relatively minor importance as far as we  
20          know such as Jamestown Cannon that have  
21          also showed up in the Mastic/Shirley  
22          area.

23          So the reason the DEC is  
24          considering issuing a permit is not just  
25          because of the quality of life impact,

1 but primarily because of the public  
2 health threat and it is documented by  
3 the virus activity in the area.

4 MR. KAUFMAN: That's what I was  
5 trying to lead up to. Thank you.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?

7 MR. MACHTAY: Just set my mind at  
8 ease.

9 Are we required to do SEQRA on this  
10 every year? Why else did it come to us  
11 is what I am trying to figure out?

12 MR. BAGG: It goes before the  
13 legislature and the review plan and  
14 basically the plan has to be reviewed to  
15 find out if it's compatible with the EIS  
16 and if it is, then it is complete.

17 MR. MACHTAY: The other question is  
18 and correct me if I am wrong, I do  
19 believe last year there was some problem  
20 with New York State DEC giving  
21 permission to spray on DEC property or  
22 State property. Has that all been  
23 resolved?

24 MR. NINIVAGGI: That has been  
25 resolved. This year we got our

1 larviciding permit from them for the DEC  
2 land and that permit is called a  
3 temporary revocable permit or TRP and  
4 the special conditions and criteria on  
5 the TRP are now identical to the  
6 criteria for elsewhere in the County.  
7 So we were able to resolve our  
8 differences with DEC and have a  
9 consistent program on the DEC land and  
10 the non DEC lands.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: As I recall, a judge  
12 ruled that the DEC could not say that it  
13 was permissible to do vector control  
14 everywhere in the State except on their  
15 property.

16 MR. MACHTAY: So what are we  
17 required to do in terms of resolution  
18 today? What must it say?

19 MR. KAUFMAN: Find it consistent,  
20 if you will.

21 MR. MACHTAY: And is it consistent?  
22 Do we all agree that it is consistent?

23 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes, it is.

24 MR. MACHTAY: Then I make a motion  
25 on the resolution saying just that.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion.

2 Do we have a second?

3 MS. RUSSO: Second.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Any further  
5 discussion?

6 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: I just want to go  
8 back, once again, to the wetlands  
9 management plan because as I understand  
10 it, if we do not have an agreed to  
11 wetlands management plan in 2010, your  
12 hands are essentially going to be tied  
13 and we will not have a vector control  
14 plan; is that --

15 MR. NINIVAGGI: That wasn't my  
16 understanding, but I haven't looked at  
17 that thoroughly. That's something,  
18 obviously, I want to take to the County  
19 Attorney's office.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's why I am  
21 concerned that we get this wetlands  
22 management process moving because we  
23 know that when the plan gets reviewed  
24 after the third year, that we can expect  
25 a lot of concerned people.

1           MR. NINIVAGGI: I think that -- I  
2           actually would appreciate if you'd make  
3           that point in the letter you're planning  
4           on writing because it is always helpful  
5           to have support for this from the  
6           outside minds of the office.

7           MR. KAUFMAN: I believe that you're  
8           correct in most of what you just said  
9           that if the five-year plan is not met.  
10          I believe though that the Department  
11          would be allowed to continue a number of  
12          its activities such as surveillance and  
13          I believe larviciding as part of its  
14          normal activities, it would not be  
15          prohibited and adulticiding, I believe,  
16          would require emergency permits. So  
17          they're not shut out of business  
18          totally, but they would not be allowed  
19          to do many of the activities that  
20          they're otherwise allowed to do as part  
21          of the five year -- as part of this five  
22          year interregnum, if you will. So  
23          they're not totally shut out but, again,  
24          a lot of their activities would not be  
25          allowed.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor of the  
2 motion?

3 THE BOARD: Aye.

4 (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

6 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.

8 Thank you, Dominick.

9 We're going to go back to our  
10 motion laid on the table about the item  
11 that Jim was pointing out to us which  
12 was Item 1866.

13 This is appropriating funds in  
14 connection with established the dog park  
15 at Southaven County Park.

16 So, do we have a motion to accept  
17 recommendations from staff concerning  
18 these motions laid on the table?

19 MR. MACHTAY: What is your  
20 recommendation on that?

21 MR. BAGG: The recommendation is  
22 going across the street. So on those  
23 two issues, IR 1066 is an Unlisted  
24 Action an EAF is required to be  
25 submitted to CEQ at a \$50,000 expense.

1 We have no idea where it's going and the  
2 other one is IR 1922, which is the  
3 Yaphank sale of property which is a Type  
4 1 Action also requiring EAF, but the  
5 Legislature knows that and that will be  
6 coming to you next month in Yaphank.

7 MR. MACHTAY: So with those  
8 recommendations, I make a motion to  
9 recommend.

10 MS. SPENCER: Second.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and  
12 we have a second by Mary Ann.

13 All in favor?

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

17 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.

19 We're going to go little bit out of  
20 order and go to the Recommended Type 1  
21 Actions.

22 The proposed IR 1861 authorizing  
23 the granting of permanent easement of  
24 Suffolk County Water Authority and the  
25 production, distribution, and

1 transmission of drinking water.

2 Steve?

3 MR. JONES: Yes, thank you for  
4 taking us out of order.

5 Tim Hopkins, General Counsel to  
6 Suffolk County Water Authority. Tim is  
7 joining me here today.

8 HEARING OFFICER: You're Steve?

9 MR. JONES: Yes, Steve Jones. I am  
10 the CEO of the Suffolk County Water  
11 Authority.

12 What we're doing today is we are  
13 here to answer any questions you have  
14 about an introductory resolution which  
15 was crafted by Tim Hopkins of the County  
16 Attorney's Office and George Mullen  
17 (Phonetic) from the County Legislature.

18 What this resolution does is it  
19 basically has to do with properties that  
20 require one quarter penny of the sales  
21 tax revenue. Over the years, these are  
22 properties called "quarter cent  
23 properties" or "drinking water  
24 properties." What they are is they're  
25 an acquisition program that the County



1 has had which acquires land for drinking  
2 water protection.

3 The land is dedicated to the nature  
4 preserve -- county nature preserve with  
5 one exception. That is a deed covenant.  
6 That's in the deed and also the  
7 resolution -- the acquisition resolution  
8 and in the County Charter which  
9 specifically reserves the right to use  
10 the properties for production,  
11 transmission, and distribution of  
12 drinking water.

13 So what we're doing which is kind  
14 of unusual is that we have gone to the  
15 Legislature on one other occasion with  
16 two individual parcels. Those being  
17 what we call the Gus Gurrieri Well Field  
18 which is a functioning pump station  
19 across from the West Hampton train  
20 station at the south end of the Dwarf  
21 Pines County Park. The other parcel is  
22 on a drinking water piece out in  
23 Amagansett on Aquabonic Road.

24 These are two functioning pump  
25 stations where we have worked with the

1           Legislature and then subsequently with  
2           the County Parks Department when we  
3           established the pump stations.

4           We would like to think we have had  
5           a good experience in these two locations  
6           with the County Parks Departments in  
7           terms of very limited clearing and doing  
8           exactly what the Parks Department wanted  
9           us to do in keeping to the site plan  
10          that we submitted and in those cases, to  
11          see CEQ and Parks Trustees and to the  
12          Legislature.

13          We have two other instances now on  
14          drinking water properties where the  
15          Parks Department has given us  
16          authorization for test wells. One is on  
17          the side south side of Nugent Drive west  
18          of the county jail and the other parcel  
19          -- help me out, Nick?

20                 MR. GIBBONS: Huntington.

21                 MR. JONES: There is Huntington --  
22                 there is three. One over there on  
23                 Pulaski Road and near Oakwood Road is  
24                 the Wicks Farm area and there is a third  
25                 test location at the Laurel Valley

1 County Park on Deer Field Road in Noyac.

2 So getting back to what the  
3 resolution is all about. It is somewhat  
4 unusual in that we're looking --  
5 concerned about 34 easements on 34  
6 parcels. We don't need these right now.  
7 What we're doing is we're taking the  
8 opportunity of the fact that the County  
9 is willing to entertain us in doing it  
10 in one fill swoop -- pretty much all the  
11 easements that we will need going  
12 forward in the future perhaps for the  
13 next 50 years or even more than that.  
14 It may even be after Nick is retired at  
15 this point but who knows.

16 At any rate, we're basically --  
17 this resolution authorizes us to enter  
18 into an agreement with the County, pull  
19 all these easements forward in terms of  
20 their value, pay for them, pay for the  
21 value of the easements now, and to have  
22 this agreement and the essence of it is  
23 that -- perhaps one important component  
24 from your standpoint is that it reserves  
25 the right for everything that is in the

1 charter now for the exception of the  
2 legislative authorization that gets done  
3 once now and then in the future. Every  
4 time we want to use a piece of property  
5 for drinking water purposes, one of  
6 these 34 locations we go through the  
7 rest of the process as it stands now  
8 which, of course, involves the CEQ,  
9 Parks Trustees, Parks Department in  
10 terms of intensive review of what we  
11 actually want to do at with this  
12 particular piece of property. So the  
13 only other thing that's -- perhaps, if  
14 you weighed through it and you wonder,  
15 "It's a lot of acreage? What's going on  
16 there?" What Tim Hopkins of the County  
17 Attorney's Office did was create an  
18 easement which basically has a five acre  
19 parcel that floats anywhere within a  
20 particular drinking -- larger water  
21 drinking parcel. Once that easement  
22 lands at a particular location on a  
23 larger parcel, if the Parks Department  
24 says, "Yes, we want to it over here and  
25 not over here," and we say we need to

1           have at this location because we need to  
2           be near existing water main or whatever  
3           it is, we worked it out with the Parks  
4           Department and then that easement is  
5           solidified on that parcel and it's  
6           extinguished on the rest of the  
7           property.

8           So I brought along a map which I  
9           will just pass around because you really  
10          can't see it, but the bulk of these 34  
11          properties are in the Town of Brookhaven  
12          and the Town of Southampton. So they're  
13          mostly in the Pine Barren areas, but you  
14          will see a few in Islip, and you'll see  
15          maybe a few in north Brookhaven outside  
16          of the pine barrens and one maybe out in  
17          the eastern portion of Southampton or  
18          East Hampton.

19          Tim is here to answer any questions  
20          that you have and I'll be happy to do  
21          so, as well.

22          MR. CHAIRMAN: I think you better  
23          sit down.

24          Michael, you want to --

25          MR. KAUFMAN: I have a bunch of

1 questions on the SEQRA aspect of how it  
2 is being done.

3 I looked at the resolution and it's  
4 basically going with permissive  
5 segmentation. Under SEQRA, I guess,  
6 segmentation as long as it is identified  
7 as such, and as long as site specific  
8 environmental review is preserved and if  
9 you're upfront about it, it's basically  
10 permissible. That's always been my  
11 impression. I think CEQ has done that  
12 in the past and that's evidently what  
13 you're trying to do today. Basically,  
14 go with the planning steps now and  
15 granting, if you will, a general in  
16 total easement of a couple of hundred  
17 acres -- something like that and  
18 preserving the right for site specific  
19 review; is that an accurate statement?

20 MR. HOPKINS: Yes, that is an  
21 accurate statement.

22 MR. KAUFMAN: Looking at the  
23 resolutions here, it is basically going  
24 to be a coordinative review based upon  
25 what you were just saying and then also

1 looking up here. Lead agency, right now  
2 today is the legislature bill. After  
3 that, it's -- Suffolk County Water  
4 Authority runs it.

5 MR. HOPKINS: It would be the lead  
6 agency on any type of specific review.  
7 It will be coordinated with the County.

8 MR. KAUFMAN: I just get a little  
9 bit jumpy about segmentation. That's  
10 why I am trying to pin down exactly what  
11 is going on and make sure that the  
12 review for all of these is preserved.  
13 Obviously, the County has been buying  
14 Pine Barrens land over the years, but  
15 for preservation purposes and with a  
16 reservation for drinking water as you  
17 pointed out.

18 MR. HOPKINS: Presumably at the  
19 time of purchase, they did a review to  
20 consider the fact that the property  
21 should be utilized for drinking water  
22 purposes at that time.

23 MR. KAUFMAN: I believe most of the  
24 time that, that is done. Again, I am  
25 just trying hone in on the environmental

1           reviews. I think we've established  
2           that.

3                    Question, obviously in the Pine  
4           Barrens there are patches here there and  
5           everywhere where there has been clearing  
6           that has already occurred and also  
7           vegetation has already been disturbed.  
8           If you find a well site that's near to  
9           previously disturbed areas, but is not  
10          in of itself disturbed at this point  
11          time -- in other words, if the  
12          vegetation is intact, are you guys going  
13          to be able to move your equipment around  
14          to maybe have a preference for cleared  
15          land as opposed to taking out pine  
16          barrens vegetation?

17                   MR. HOPKINS: We would do that to  
18          the maximum extent practical under the  
19          circumstance.

20                   MR. KAUFMAN: The reason I bring  
21          that up is because there was a pipeline  
22          along the LIE a while back and the  
23          County was sued on that one.

24                   MR. HOPKINS: What kind of  
25          pipeline?



1           MR. KAUFMAN: I believe it was a  
2           LIPA gas pipeline. I think it took out  
3           a total of 14 acres along the LIE.

4           MR. HOPKINS: Well, that's LIPA.

5           MR. KAUFMAN: I understand that.  
6           Nonetheless, I am -- I was also  
7           uncomfortable with that -- it went  
8           fairly far away from the LIE -- a couple  
9           of hundred feet and they took out a fair  
10          amount of pine barrens. It was only 14  
11          acres and the County did get sued. The  
12          County did lose the battle on that one.  
13          Here, we're talking about the potential  
14          of 170 acres or something like that. I,  
15          personally, am going to recommend that  
16          we put in a recommendation that you  
17          stick to previously cleared areas, if  
18          possible, to the maximum extent  
19          possible.

20          MR. BAGG: The resolution says  
21          that.

22          MR. KAUFMAN: I didn't catch that  
23          then. Question, do you guys have slant  
24          drilling ability at this point in time?

25          MR. JONES: We do directional

1 drilling for our distribution piping to  
2 get across roads to get under wetlands.  
3 We used it actually in the Farmingville  
4 County Park to get from point A to point  
5 B, so we wouldn't disturb any  
6 vegetation. But when we do pump  
7 stations and you'll see this at  
8 Aquabonic Road and also at Gus Gurrieri  
9 Well Field in Dwarf Pine Planes, but the  
10 problem is when you're drilling the  
11 well, the minimum length of pipe is a 20  
12 foot section of the steel casing and  
13 when you're doing the well, you need to  
14 clear -- temporarily clear sufficient  
15 areas so you can move the pipe sections  
16 around and put them up vertically and  
17 put them down. So what you see on a  
18 typical five acre site which, I think,  
19 Gus Gurrieri would be a good example of,  
20 is that you see an initial clearing and  
21 then you see a contraction after the  
22 pump house -- after the well has been  
23 established and the building is up and  
24 that sort of thing. We only need the  
25 large open area for -- you'll see on

1 sites like that, by the way, that buying  
2 large we only clear about two out of the  
3 five acres even initially we only clear  
4 about two out of the five acres.

5 MR. GIBBONS: It might help but I  
6 work most closely with staff at the  
7 Water Authority in terms of laying out  
8 the site and choosing the location of  
9 the site.

10 In terms of getting back to your  
11 previous point about utilization of  
12 previously disturbed areas, we do, do  
13 that whenever possible but for a great  
14 majority of these properties, there are  
15 no such sites within the intact  
16 parkland. So the next criteria we use  
17 is proximity to road because often times  
18 unfortunately the results of those tests  
19 are quality that does not measure up to  
20 the standards of the water authority,  
21 and they abandon the site. They do not  
22 go to the next phase which is permanent  
23 development and establishment of the  
24 permanent easement there.

25 So I always plan for the worse case

1 scenario because I would rather they  
2 disturb an area that is more expendable  
3 then not. I don't want a fragmentation  
4 of another parkland.

5 MR. KAUFMAN: I hear what you're  
6 saying, and you and I have discussed  
7 that point in the past and that's also  
8 why I bring up the issue of slant  
9 drilling.

10 I know down in Texas in an oil  
11 field they have different types of cams  
12 and they have the ability to literally,  
13 at the well head itself, drill  
14 directionally. They don't have to have  
15 a vertical approach, and I know we went  
16 through this with the Dwarf Pine Plains  
17 -- Dwarf Pine Barrens in West Hampton a  
18 while back -- say four or five years  
19 ago, and at that time Mr. La Grande said  
20 that there was simply an impossibility.  
21 Yet I know that --

22 MR. JONES: That's correct. For  
23 extracting water from the aqua-ford it  
24 is not -- you have to have it totally  
25 vertical because the turbine and the

1 well pump and everything is actually  
2 down in the column, and it's pushing the  
3 water out of the ground and it's got to  
4 be vertical.

5 MR. HOPKINS: Anyway, that's not  
6 part of the plan.

7 MR. KAUFMAN: I was suggesting it,  
8 obviously, as an alternative to the site  
9 since I know a little bit about how it  
10 works.

11 MR. HOPKINS: It's not part of the  
12 proposal.

13 MR. JONES: But like I said, we  
14 have used directional drilling for the  
15 transmission and distribution for water  
16 and --

17 MR. GIBBONS: That is for  
18 previously existing facilities.

19 MR. KAUFMAN: I understand what  
20 you're saying. I am simply saying that  
21 it may not be part of the proposal. You  
22 may not have the equipment around here  
23 and you're saying there is a technical  
24 objection to it. I understand the  
25 difference between pulling the water

1           verses oil and gas fields where it has  
2           underground pressure, but I have heard  
3           and I have seen some specks for  
4           equipment that -- for well drilling  
5           where you can do a directional approach.

6           MR. HOPKINS: How would that help  
7           the situation here because here you have  
8           to directionally drill from somewhere,  
9           correct?

10          MR. KAUFMAN: True, but what  
11          happens if you have a cleared area 200  
12          yards away and you want your well and  
13          have your freshwater over here, 200  
14          yards away it is cleared and you just  
15          pump in that way.

16          MR. HOPKINS: 200 yards isn't going  
17          to make a difference with respect to the  
18          quality of the water. There is little  
19          in the area that would hold economical  
20          and most economic environmentally sound  
21          under the circumstances. Drilling them  
22          vertical or horizontal or at an angled  
23          level from 200 yards away is not going  
24          to make a difference.

25          MR. GIBBONS: Well, yes, it could.

1 It could minimize the clearing. That is  
2 the point he was getting at.

3 MR. KAUFMAN: Also, frankly, if you  
4 hit a clay lens -- let's say you're at  
5 this side of the table and you hit a  
6 clay lens so you might want to punch  
7 through it in a different way.

8 It's not -- you can't just out now  
9 say that it's uneconomical or it's not a  
10 good idea to avoid the directional  
11 drilling if you have the capability  
12 simply because it's not part of the  
13 plan. I just don't think that is --

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: He's established or  
15 he is telling us that they don't have  
16 the capabilities.

17 MR. KAUFMAN: Well, that's why I am  
18 bring it up. I have seen it. It's  
19 something -- if it comes across your  
20 desk, you should take a look at it.  
21 That's all.

22 MR. BAGG: Michael, any potential  
23 well site has to be reviewed in the  
24 future and wells going on the property  
25 whether there is clear or not clear area

1 or whatever -- I mean, at that time,  
2 when you get to the individual review if  
3 there is clearing area next to the area  
4 that is proposed, I assume, you could  
5 request -- bring that up at that time  
6 and say is this feasible to do some type  
7 of -- you know, directional slant  
8 drilling to access that.

9 MR. KAUFMAN: I just don't think it  
10 should be precluded at this point in  
11 time is what I am getting the feeling  
12 of.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do we have a  
14 resolution that we have to keep clearing  
15 apparently --

16 MR. KAUFMAN: I see that in the  
17 eighth paragraph so --

18 MR. JONES: I would say and, Nick,  
19 can either bail me out or not that the  
20 Aquabonic Road -- Red Dirt Road is an  
21 obstructive example where the Parks  
22 Department said, "You know what? We  
23 prefer that the Red Dirt Road being a  
24 very narrow kind of an area with not  
25 much activity can you go around the



1 corner to Aquabonic Road," and we work  
2 together on the location there and then  
3 as for Laurel Valley County Park we were  
4 too close to -- the Parks Department  
5 felt we were too close to the trail that  
6 goes to that area so we said, "Okay, we  
7 will move away from the trail and we  
8 will reconfigure the well house and the  
9 treatment building and --

10 MR. KAUFMAN: Steve, I am not  
11 doubting your intent or anything like  
12 that. I know between Nick and your  
13 department that both Parks and Water  
14 Authority are environmentally sensitive.  
15 I do see that. I see it in the  
16 resolution, et cetera. I am suggesting  
17 that there may be another thing that can  
18 be done possibly in the future and it  
19 should not be precluded which is one of  
20 things I am getting jumpy about. That's  
21 all I am saying.

22 MS. RUSSO: Steve, what do you  
23 preserve as a ten year plan? How many  
24 new well heads do you think that might  
25 actually have functioning on these 170

1           acres?

2                   MR. JONES: The big question mark  
3           for us is the drinking water standard.  
4           We have in the central pine barrens and  
5           already have now are well fields that no  
6           matter what the drinking water standard  
7           goes down to in terms of its  
8           restrictions, we can meet it and exceed  
9           it --

10                   MS. RUSSO: Without any treatment?

11                   MR. JONES: (Continuing) -- in a  
12           positive way because of the fact that  
13           there are vast areas now in the central  
14           pine barrens that are protected. So  
15           what we do know is that we are still on  
16           a continuum where our customers are  
17           installing automatic sprinkling systems.  
18           So while our customer growth has been  
19           fairly flat, it is now down to maybe 500  
20           or -- between 500 and 1,000 new  
21           customers a year which is next to  
22           nothing compared to the growth that we  
23           had in the past. Our consumption has  
24           continued to climb because our existing  
25           customers are putting in automatic

1           sprinkler systems. So we are going to  
2           continue to need some additional water  
3           to go for peak design demand so that we  
4           can provide water to our customers when  
5           they demand it, and still have adequate  
6           fire protection.

7           With that all being said, out of  
8           the 34 properties maybe in the next 10  
9           years, we might use five, six, seven  
10          something like that.

11          MS. RUSSO: You really don't think  
12          it is going to be in the double digits  
13          upon how many use or develop one?

14          MR. JONES: No -- what we're --  
15          we're also on a continuum where it is  
16          far less expensive for us to go to  
17          upgrade our permits with the State DEC  
18          on an existing well and go for maybe 750  
19          gallons a minute to 1300 gallons a  
20          minute and drop a new well -- a new  
21          turbine and pump in the column and put a  
22          new electric motor on the top and just  
23          pump more water out of an existing well  
24          is far cheaper than -- you know, one of  
25          these new pump stations they will run

1 out generally a couple of million bucks  
2 each, so we try to do other things first  
3 to max out on our capabilities in our  
4 existing systems rather than just  
5 opening up new wells and the other  
6 thing, of course, is when you look on  
7 that map, you will see that these  
8 locations -- many of them are not near  
9 any growth and there's never going to be  
10 any growth because it is in the central  
11 pine barrens so that is a good thing.  
12 Our customers generally get their water  
13 within two or three miles of the source,  
14 so it's not -- we're not on a fast track  
15 here by any means to develop this.

16 MS. RUSSO: But you mentioned  
17 earlier as far as the customer increase  
18 and its really based on in-ground  
19 sprinkler systems and not so much on new  
20 customers and increase in supplies. I  
21 know the County Water Authority does put  
22 out little packets trying to conserve  
23 water and they put it in the mail and  
24 stuff. Has the water authority or even  
25 Suffolk County have ever looked into the

1 possibility of maybe just outright  
2 banning these automatic sprinklers and  
3 making sure that if they are used, the  
4 code is written that they must have the  
5 automatic rain sensors because I go for  
6 walk in my own neighborhood and everyday  
7 it's raining, you see these sprinklers  
8 running. Just this morning, I saw the  
9 sprinklers and we had one inch of rain  
10 this weekend and these numb nuts that  
11 live next door to me have their  
12 automatic sprinklers running. I can't  
13 even take a shower in the morning at 6  
14 a.m. because the water pressure drops  
15 from April to October because so many  
16 more people are putting in sprinklers  
17 now I am thinking that the long term  
18 picture is that we should really ask the  
19 County to look into maybe just banning  
20 these things completely.

21 We get 46 inches of rain a year.  
22 We get enough rain to basically have a  
23 green lawn except for maybe August and  
24 our temperate season grasses can  
25 withstand dying back in the August

1 drought and heat. They bounce right  
2 back in September when the rain returns.  
3 So I am thinking we should look at this  
4 at a more holistic view and maybe not  
5 even need more well heads.

6 I understand if the population is  
7 increasing, et cetera. But I am looking  
8 at it from another perspective and it's  
9 really time to get serious about these  
10 automatic in-ground sprinklers.

11 MR. JONES: We have two thoughts  
12 right now on the subject. One is that  
13 we have had a rebate program for rain  
14 sensors for our customers. We had that  
15 two Summers ago. This past Summer as  
16 Dominick said, "Not a big barrier for  
17 us" at the water authority in terms of  
18 selling water.

19 The other thing in terms of  
20 conservation is conservation for the  
21 Suffolk County Water Authority has more  
22 to do with limiting the amount of water  
23 that people are polluting because we  
24 have to pay to clean it up. So it's not  
25 conservation in terms of quantity and

1           availability.  It's conservation in  
2           terms of quality.  The less water the  
3           people use, the less water they foul  
4           when it goes back into the ground.  So  
5           that's where we're coming from.

6           MS. RUSSO:  I understand that.

7           MR. JONES:  And I would suggest  
8           that the green lawn is up there with the  
9           God given right to an automobile and few  
10          other major things that are the rights  
11          of Americas and you're going to have  
12          real tough time if people can't have a  
13          green lawn.

14          MS. SPENCER:  I second that motion.

15          MR. PICHNEY:  I just had question  
16          for Michael about general language law.  
17          When they're drudging like this, do they  
18          taste the perpetuity?

19          MR. KAUFMAN:  Yes.  They can if  
20          it's written as such and it's written as  
21          such a legislation.

22          Just a quick follow up on Gloria's  
23          issue.  I know out west, for example,  
24          Vegas and several place they have water  
25          districts with those kinds of

1 limitations on them. You have to go to  
2 a uroscopic -- I think it is --  
3 basically, they have no water use  
4 allowed. Vegas is a perfect example of  
5 that. Clark County has an absolute  
6 maximum amount of water that they can  
7 withdraw from the Colorado River.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments?

9 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Do we have a motion?

11 MR. MACHTAY: Motion.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: To --

13 MR. MACHTAY: To approve this  
14 resolution as a negative declaration --  
15 Type 1, Negative Declaration.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion  
17 that this is a Type I, Negative  
18 Declaration.

19 Do we have a second?

20 MS. RUSSO: I do second.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

25 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)



1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.

2 Steve, thank you.

3 MR. JONES: Thank you for taking us  
4 out of order.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: I gather your Summer  
6 lawn water consumption was down from  
7 what you said?

8 MR. JONES: Yes, in April or May,  
9 we were down about \$3,000,000 in  
10 projected revenue. In June, we were  
11 down another \$2,500,000. It started to  
12 pick up a little bit in July and August,  
13 but we budget it based on a five-year  
14 historical average consumption. We  
15 don't go with the weather. It is what  
16 it is.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: I do think Gloria  
18 has a good suggestion that the long term  
19 water availability is probably going to  
20 be an issue and we ought to be doing  
21 what we can to conserve and maybe  
22 working with the Legislature to put some  
23 limits on these water delivering systems  
24 for lawns would be a good idea. There  
25 is a very interesting little book out

1           called, "How to get your lawn off  
2           grass."

3           MR. JONES: The serious irony for  
4           us is that we only have one system so  
5           the stuff that people put on their lawns  
6           is just the highest quality water you  
7           can imagine and it has to be treated  
8           that way and to me, what a waste that  
9           is. It is such a -- it kills me to see  
10          what kind of money we spend on this.

11          MR. KAUFMAN: One last comment.

12          I didn't want to put this in the  
13          recommendation, but as new technology  
14          comes along with drilling and, again,  
15          you can do a lot of thinking, and I am  
16          not going to get into the technical  
17          aspect of drilling wells and things like  
18          that but as it comes along, it something  
19          to look at.

20          We're talking about destruction of  
21          potentially a 170 acres at the outer  
22          limit, and I know at 14 acres that there  
23          was a whole big controversy over --  
24          we're talking a 170 even though it was  
25          permissible by the legislation and even

1           though you guys are going to be throwing  
2           along with the Parks Department to avoid  
3           destruction, it is something to  
4           consider.

5           MR. JONES: Yes, we're always open  
6           to new -- any kind of new technology  
7           relating to the water business from  
8           drilling to setting up treatment --  
9           trains, filtration trains, filter, and  
10          everything else that could be in the  
11          history since we are one of the largest  
12          water companies in the United States.  
13          We do a lot of experimentation with a  
14          variety -- people are always knocking on  
15          our door wanting to do full-scale pilots  
16          for various things and we do much more  
17          directional drilling than we ever have  
18          in the past, principally, to avoid  
19          wetlands and river circumstances where  
20          we can do that.

21                 We will continue to apply that and  
22                 if it makes sense to do it at a pump  
23                 station, then we will do it there too.  
24                 Why not?

25                 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you.

1           THE CHAIRMAN: Proposed Smith Point  
2           County Park Master Plan Update.

3           MR. GIBBONS: Nick Gibbons, Suffolk  
4           County Parks Department.

5           Just while Nancy gets set up, I  
6           wanted to call your attention to the  
7           fact that we have been through this  
8           process before at Smith Point County  
9           Park. Just for the benefit of some of  
10          the Members here who have not been  
11          around since that time, there is an  
12          initial park Master Plan which dates  
13          back to 1997. It was referenced  
14          somewhere in the presentation this  
15          morning and again in the updated plan  
16          that you all received as part of your  
17          package.

18          If, at any time, any of the Members  
19          want to take a closer look at some of  
20          aspects of that plan, I will be happy to  
21          make some copies of it. It is not the  
22          kind of thing we have boxes of it laying  
23          around. So if there is a particular  
24          point of interest that you would like to  
25          see more of, I would be happy to provide

1           that.

2                   Subsequent to that 1997 plan, there  
3           is something we call the Addendum Report  
4           which dates back to April of 2003. This  
5           dealt primarily with erosional issues  
6           within the park and presented a  
7           management plan for beach sand --  
8           primarily sand management at Smith Point  
9           County Park. So that's a little bit of  
10          background here.

11                   Today we're taking a look at the  
12          update to the Master Plan. It takes  
13          under consideration both these previous  
14          reports of the consultant for this plan  
15          as was the case for the initial Master  
16          Plan from Cashin Associates. Today we  
17          have Nancy Lenz here. She is a  
18          Registered Landscape Architect with  
19          Cashin Associates. She has a  
20          power-point. I would like to start with  
21          that and then we can jump back into the  
22          plan itself and the EAF, if that is  
23          okay?

24                   MR. CHAIRMAN: Sure.

25                   MR. GIBBONS: On the back of the

1           EAF, there is an overall site map of the  
2           park, but that's probably not going to  
3           be of much interest to you as the  
4           proposed improvements. We have slides  
5           up here, so we can stop at anytime and  
6           take a closer look if you have any  
7           questions.

8           MS. LENZ: This is a power point of  
9           what we went through to prepare the  
10          Master Plan. I think probably a lot of  
11          you are familiar with Smith Point. It  
12          runs all way from the bridge at William  
13          Floyd all the way to the end. We also  
14          included in the Master Plan the marina  
15          site which was not included in the  
16          earlier 1997 Master Plan, so that was  
17          included in this plan.

18          The goal of this master plan when  
19          we were given a task to update it was to  
20          look at making -- how to enhance the  
21          visitor experience plan and to provide  
22          additional facilities that would enhance  
23          that experience. It's a little  
24          different. The 1997 plan actually was  
25          the one that generated more revenue and

1           that wasn't really one of the goals of  
2           this. We just wanted to make sure that  
3           we would make an attractive facility and  
4           that in itself increases the user-ship.

5           So we reviewed the existing  
6           resources and conditions. We reviewed  
7           the current facility uses and assessed  
8           the 1997 implementation of what was done  
9           and what was not done, and then we  
10          developed recommendations and  
11          conceptional plans for the assignment.

12          Going through this quickly --  
13          inventory natural settings, the main  
14          beach facility, the campgrounds, the  
15          outer beach, the marina, utilities,  
16          traffic circulation, and health and  
17          safety concerns about the park.

18          Just as a quick usage, Smith Point  
19          is the most popular park in the County.  
20          On Memorial Day through Labor Day, the  
21          main beach had almost 300,000 people and  
22          the campgrounds last year booked 45 --  
23          almost 45 plus thousand nights of  
24          camping. So that is another major use  
25          out there.

1           It brought in an average over the  
2           last past few years of about 1.6 million  
3           dollars in revenue each year. So it's  
4           popular and it brings in quite a bit of  
5           money into the County.

6           So the main thing that we did here  
7           was we looked the 1997 plan and we also  
8           looked at the addendum that we  
9           mentioned, and we reviewed what was  
10          implemented and what was not  
11          implemented. This is pretty basic but  
12          in the EAF, we give you a detailed list  
13          of what was implemented and what was not  
14          implemented, but the things that were  
15          implemented are the fish pier which is  
16          currently under construction.

17          MR. GIBBONS: Just began.

18          MS. LENZ: Just began finally and  
19          is under construction. The pavilion  
20          access road which was redone and the  
21          toll plaza was repaved, but other  
22          recommendations like the traffic circle,  
23          a facilities operation building, and  
24          parking lot reorientations were not  
25          implemented. For the main bathing



1 beach, there was a boardwalk worked on  
2 -- the June restoration was done and the  
3 Flight 800 Memorial was installed but  
4 the nature center, exterior lighting  
5 improvements, and additional landscaping  
6 were not.

7 The pavilion implemented landscape  
8 renovations directly around the pavilion  
9 such as additional woman's restroom.  
10 They also updated the existing men's and  
11 woman's restroom and the roof  
12 replacement was done. The exterior  
13 refurbishment and electrical improvement  
14 for police and lifeguard facility  
15 upgrades improvements were never  
16 completed. The campgrounds were built  
17 and we put up some fences to preserve  
18 the embankment between the levels of  
19 campsites. We put in dunes --  
20 pedestrian cross overs to keep people  
21 off of the dunes going to the beach in  
22 that area.

23 Again, exterior lighting was not  
24 done. A lot of the landscaping that we  
25 had proposed initially was not

1 implemented and a bay access beach was  
2 not implemented.

3 I should say that -- the things  
4 that we're talking about that are not  
5 implemented are things also that we  
6 think, for the most part, should be  
7 implemented. I think we will just go  
8 back to make sure. There is a traffic  
9 circle and we're not recommending that.  
10 The active recreation area -- I am  
11 familiar with that. It is directly  
12 adjacent to Finn's and it has put in  
13 basketball courts and things. A lot of  
14 things were not implemented there  
15 because of the mosquito control. It is  
16 interesting that you just had that  
17 discussion because it is right next to  
18 the Finn's facility and there is no  
19 mosquito control, and it is almost  
20 impossible to use those facilities  
21 because the mosquito levels are so high  
22 in that area. So they haven't looked to  
23 do much with that.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that the primary  
25 reason, mosquitos?

1 MS. LENZ: Yes. They told us not  
2 to locate -- it is a great location for  
3 some of the active recreations uses, but  
4 the people cannot use it -- you know,  
5 the levels are just too heavy so we put  
6 it in from the 1997 report -- we put in  
7 two basketball courts, handball wall,  
8 and a volleyball and they are used  
9 minimally. They are still used somewhat  
10 and we're not looking to get rid of  
11 them, but they don't want additional  
12 facilities down there because there is  
13 just not enough of a draw.

14 When they originally put them in  
15 they were used for the DARE program, but  
16 I think that program has pretty much  
17 stopped. There is even more limited use  
18 to that area, but also there are some  
19 groups that are going down there and  
20 using them.

21 MR. GIBBONS: This is the location  
22 that is immediately west of William  
23 Floyd Parkway when you come over the  
24 bridge. It was our original campground  
25 in the '70's and '80's before we had all

1           this infrastructure down on the beach  
2           itself east of the pavilion, but it is  
3           fair to say that there are different  
4           management approaches, at the time, at  
5           Finn's that made that area useable and  
6           those are no longer the case and the  
7           site is large unusable to the general  
8           public.

9           MR. KAUFMAN: Have you talked to  
10          Finn's at all about -- you're not going  
11          to cannot? I wonder why?

12          MS. LENZ: For the outer beach, we  
13          implemented vehicular regulations and  
14          restrictions and they put -- what they  
15          didn't implement was the formal fishing  
16          pier areas out at that the --

17          MR. PICHNEY: The inlet.

18          MS. LENZ: (Continuing) -- yes, the  
19          inlet. The word was escaping me at that  
20          point and then additional guidance or  
21          maps or signage to help people stay on  
22          the designated roadways.

23          So then we analyzed everything that  
24          was there and what we felt and came up  
25          with was a series of recommendations,

1           and I will point them out to you on this  
2           map. Hopefully you will be able to see  
3           enough, but mainly what we're dealing  
4           with right now is the main -- what we  
5           call the main bathing beach and that's  
6           from coming into the park at William  
7           Floyd all the way to the end of the  
8           campground facility.

9           So the pavilion is located central  
10          to the main parking area. The pavilion  
11          is located central to that. We  
12          recommended that they maintain the  
13          pavilion in this location and continue  
14          with the refurbishments that have been  
15          ongoing there. They still need to do  
16          the exterior refurbishments. The  
17          lifeguard facility which is on this side  
18          of facilities is really degraded and  
19          doesn't meet the current need of the  
20          lifeguards. One of issues is you now  
21          have female and male lifeguards and the  
22          facilities don't accommodate that so  
23          that is an uncomfortable position and  
24          the facilities are very small.

25          The redesign of the food concession

1           -- I think that is going to be ongoing  
2           now. They're going to create a more  
3           open eating area under the overhang  
4           without so many tables inside the --  
5           unusable space inside the building and  
6           then maintenance, and our first aid  
7           facility needs refurbishment and then  
8           the police and the administration  
9           offices are also in here. They are very  
10          small offices that need upgrade too, but  
11          they have done the bathrooms already so  
12          those were major upgrades to facilities.  
13          So they spent quite bit on it.

14                 The utilities upgrades for the  
15          system and the upgrades to bringing in  
16          the electrical service upgrades to give  
17          better service.

18                 That was the main facility, but the  
19          traffic circulation coming in -- the  
20          1997 asked to rebuild this entire and  
21          took out the traffic circle and we  
22          actually looked at it -- it wasn't built  
23          and we don't see a need to take it out  
24          and with the traffic circle, people are  
25          becoming more familiar with them now and

1           are much more comfortable traveling  
2           through them. So we're recommending it  
3           stay in place. It is a major cost that  
4           we don't think is that much of a return  
5           at this point.

6           What we did was we recommended that  
7           a bus stop lane or a drop off lane be  
8           put in at the traffic circle. Right  
9           now, most of the traffic is coming in  
10          and it needs to drop off in front of the  
11          pavilion which will be a very tight  
12          facility which makes them drive all the  
13          way down to turn around to go back out  
14          again. If they can drop off here -- if  
15          both the buses and people dropping off  
16          visitors to the park here, that would  
17          really cut down a lot of the traffic  
18          issues that we have along the section of  
19          the road with the people waiting to get  
20          into the park and the campground  
21          entrance over here. (Indicating.)

22          Along with that -- the traffic  
23          upgrades and the -- we recommend that  
24          they expand the toll plaza and redesign  
25          the entire parking lot and the parking

1 lot is basically original to when the  
2 park was built in the '50's. It had  
3 some pavement repairs, but there has  
4 never been a major overhaul. It is  
5 completely asphalt. I think it is a  
6 3700 car parking lot completely asphalt.  
7 I don't know if there is any drainage.  
8 If there is, it is about three. We're  
9 recommending that they reorientate the  
10 lanes that currently run this way to  
11 this way which is standard practice for  
12 parking facilities -- the way people are  
13 walking are the ways you want the lanes  
14 oriented.

15 Putting in types of swales to  
16 collect some of the drainage to the  
17 area, and it actually ends up reducing  
18 the parking by about 600 spaces which we  
19 think is based on the usage and not a  
20 problem in the facility.

21 The other thing we're doing in the  
22 parking lot is we're creating a separate  
23 little parking area for the fishing pier  
24 which we just mentioned is currently  
25 being constructed right here, and that



1 will allow the park facility -- if  
2 fishing is done 24 hours a day and  
3 permits allow access 24 hours to  
4 segregate this parking area and allows  
5 people to pull out of it separately from  
6 the main parking lot so that -- if you  
7 have a permit, you can park there  
8 overnight and then you will have a  
9 separate way to entrance if the park is  
10 closed. When the park is open, they  
11 open the other gates and it functions  
12 the same way as the main parking lot.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Can I ask you  
14 question on your parking space  
15 reduction.

16 Reducing it by about 1/6 is really  
17 significant. Is that because the  
18 original plan overestimated usage or  
19 usage down?

20 MS. LENZ: I think probably both.  
21 I think that it -- I think that the  
22 parking lot -- I doubt it ever was  
23 filled up, but usage is down at the park  
24 over -- not so much over the past ten  
25 years, but in 1997 Plan, I think, it was

1           ten years before that -- before that, it  
2           was more popular. I think the lack of  
3           beach space and the smaller beach also  
4           effects the amount of people going to  
5           the beach because it gets filled up that  
6           much more quickly. It is pretty much a  
7           larger beach.

8           MR. PICHNEY: Again, in regard to  
9           the parking lot -- I mean, it is an  
10          awfully big lot, and I do believe that  
11          the usage is down. Is it possible to,  
12          let's say, not pave or remove the  
13          pavement from maybe the northern quarter  
14          or so or fifth of the parking lot along  
15          the bay side -- the north part of the  
16          parking lot and either -- you know,  
17          return it natural or make it a gravel  
18          lot that can be -- you know, what do you  
19          call it overspill parking?

20          MS. LENZ: I guess that's the  
21          potential. The paved material that they  
22          use in the lot, I guess, it had  
23          potential to be something else. We  
24          looked at it from the point of view of  
25          needing to treat the drainage from the

1 existing -- from the main section of the  
2 lot. So instead of taking away a  
3 portion of the lot, we looked at  
4 creating a lot more green spaces within  
5 the lot that could take the drainage  
6 from the lot and then not have to put as  
7 many -- because we don't have depth  
8 groundwater either so trying to put in  
9 any type of leeching pool or something.  
10 We tried to go with the swales and  
11 minimize the need for leeching pools  
12 within the lots. There will probably  
13 still be some, but this will give us a  
14 lot infiltration area to that drainage  
15 and that's kind of how we approached it.  
16 The potential, I guess, could be to  
17 maybe shorten it a little bit but you  
18 still need to treat this -- and for the  
19 most part, it is a large lot and you  
20 really have to pave a majority of it.

21 MR. PICHNEY: The analogy was sort  
22 of like a mall parking lot during  
23 Christmas. They're designed for  
24 Christmas, and that's the only time the  
25 lot gets completely filled.

1           MR. GIBBONS: This is designed for  
2           four or five months out of the year, but  
3           that's the nature of the Parks business.  
4           I think that 3,100 resulting lot of this  
5           project, Parks would not be interested  
6           in entertaining something significantly  
7           smaller than that. I understand what  
8           you're suggestion to increase the buffer  
9           from us to narrow the bay and --

10          MR. PICHNEY: That is correct.

11          MR. GIBBON: (Continuing) -- if you  
12          look a little bit closely at this later  
13          on, you will see -- I am not sure if  
14          have you been to the site before. There  
15          is an existing buffer of what I would  
16          call a degraded wetland habitat, and  
17          other species. There is -- we're not  
18          right on top of the bay for the large  
19          majority of the parking area except for  
20          the northeast corner which is where the  
21          fishing pier is being sited which is  
22          ideal because it doesn't impact any  
23          existing wetlands, so to speak of, and  
24          the proximity of parking to that  
25          facility is very close.

1 MS. LENZ: This is about 150 feet.  
2 The location is much wider here, and  
3 then it gets tighter.

4 MR. PICHNEY: It just seems to me  
5 as opposed to, let's say, Robert Moses  
6 Park which very easily every spot will  
7 be filled at any given parking lot even  
8 under the best of circumstances -- even  
9 on the 4th of July, this lot is  
10 completely full.

11 MR. GIBBON: We're trying. Yes, it  
12 can be filled. We've had concert events  
13 and various carnivals which take up a  
14 significant portion of the paved areas  
15 and in those cases, yes, we absolutely  
16 do turn people away.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Richard and then  
18 Mary Ann?

19 MR. MACHTAY: I am just curious. I  
20 am looking at the EAF, and I see 77  
21 acres of something and three acres of  
22 marina and then I see 35 acres of  
23 asphalt removed from here. If you're  
24 putting in new islands and there is  
25 going to be 35 acres of asphalt taken

1 out --

2 MS. LENZ: What page are you on?

3 MR. MACHTAY: Page 2 of 3.

4 MS. LENZ: I think that is if  
5 you --

6 MR. GIBBON: That's what is going  
7 to be generated.

8 MS. RUSSO: If you replace the  
9 whole parking.

10 MS. LENZ: Right, it is an entire  
11 replacement. The parking lot is from  
12 the 50's and it is in very poor  
13 condition.

14 MR. MACHTAY: So you're going to  
15 rip out everything and start over?

16 MS. LENZ: Our plan is to redo the  
17 entire parking lot.

18 MR. MACHTAY: So the parking lot is  
19 35 acres?

20 MS. LENZ: Yes.

21 MR. MACHTAY: So what's the 77  
22 acres?

23 MS. LENZ: Where is 77?

24 MR. MACHTAY: 1C -- what's SPCP?

25 MR. GIBBON: Smith Point County

1 Park.

2 MS. LENZ: Yes, because the marina  
3 is across the bay so developed areas  
4 within Smith Point County Park is 77  
5 acres and that includes the parking lot  
6 and it includes the campground, and it  
7 includes all of the development.

8 MR. MACHTAY: And you're going to  
9 increase that by three acres?

10 MS. LENZ: No -- yes, I am sorry.  
11 I am reading across the other way. Yes,  
12 develop three acres, right.

13 MR. MACHTAY: And the marina will  
14 go from three acres to four and-a-half  
15 acres?

16 MS. LENZ: Yes.

17 MR. MACHTAY: Where is this area  
18 that you're going to increase to three  
19 acres?

20 MS. LENZ: It's just really --

21 MR. GIBBONS: Accumulative.

22 MS. LENZ: Right, what's happening  
23 is --

24 MR. MACHTAY: Accumulative number?

25 MR. GIBBON: She will explain a

1 little bit more where the marina is and  
2 get you better oriented up to that  
3 facility specifically.

4 MS. LENZ: Yes, I had that at the  
5 end -- the marina comes up at the end  
6 and it is a little bit less.

7 There is just -- like here we're  
8 putting in additional road and here. So  
9 three acres of additional is not -- we  
10 are putting three acres here. It is a  
11 little bit in a lot of location.

12 MR. KAUFMAN: So your net result --  
13 your net increase will be in the area --  
14 along the general beach area, it will be  
15 increased by three acres?

16 MS. LENZ: Right, we haven't said,  
17 "Okay, this three acres now we're going  
18 to develop it." It's not like that.  
19 It's looking out within --

20 MR. KAUFMAN: "In-filling" is maybe  
21 a good word for it.

22 MS. LENZ: Maybe that's a good word  
23 for it. There is a few locations. Like  
24 I said, there's roads here.

25 (Indicating.) Actually, I did not



1           mention, but there is an access road  
2           we're looking to expand to one more lane  
3           because it's a very bad backup in the  
4           Summer here between the traffic that has  
5           to go in here and the traffic that goes  
6           this way into the campground and onto  
7           the outer beach. So we're actually  
8           recommending another lane in here.  
9           That's an additional green median in the  
10          middle, so we're using that space.  
11          We're not taking additional -- the lawn  
12          area right now. So we're using that, so  
13          that would be some additional pavement  
14          area.

15                 MR. GIBBON: With some of all these  
16          features though, that's roughly where we  
17          are coming up with that number, but I  
18          think there will be more as she gets  
19          through the rest of the --

20                 MR. MACHTAY: I am sorry. I have  
21          to leave a little early so one more  
22          quick question.

23                 Sanitary sewage existing 55,000  
24          gallons and on the next page is the  
25          total water usage gallons per day which

1 is 65,000 gallons. Is that what we  
2 expect it to increase to?

3 MS. LENZ: I would say that we're  
4 not really expecting anything. We're  
5 doing a big increase in water and we're  
6 not increasing campgrounds. We are not  
7 increasing any of those things.

8 MR. MACHTAY: One should match the  
9 other, shouldn't it or it should come  
10 pretty close to the other? If I drink  
11 water there and leave --

12 MS. LENZ: I don't know. I can't  
13 answer that question as to why they're  
14 separate. I would imagine it wouldn't  
15 be 100 percent --

16 MR. GIBBONS: The operation of the  
17 facility itself is water irrigation,  
18 other vehicle maintenance, general parks  
19 maintenance, as well.

20 MS. SPENCER: So correct me if I am  
21 wrong. You have an existing parking lot  
22 that you occasionally you have to turn  
23 people away from. You're going to  
24 reduce it in such a way by putting in  
25 these drainage swales that, that will be

1 a permanent reduction so that ten years  
2 from now your usage of the park doubles  
3 and it is simply very hard to the expand  
4 that to what it is now?

5 MR. GIBBONS: Correct.

6 MS. SPENCER: I don't see the point  
7 in reducing the park lot that already  
8 has some days where you turn people away  
9 and without looking at the projection  
10 for use at a public like facility and  
11 the fact that, that park isn't full  
12 every day all Summer days, doesn't mean  
13 it wont be full every day all Summer  
14 five, ten years from now and I would  
15 like to see the projection before you  
16 reduce that parking.

17 The second thing is on expanding  
18 the access lane. I think that the  
19 traffic circle and the access to this  
20 parking lot -- you might notice that I  
21 use this facility -- is well designed in  
22 that it slows people down. People who  
23 are going to Smith Point Park are not on  
24 their way to work. They're not going to  
25 a fire. They're going to the beach.

1           The fact that they have to slow down the  
2           traffic circle and the fact that there  
3           are only two lanes and they it may  
4           backup sometimes, I don't see why we're  
5           spending money to change that.

6           MR. GIBBONS: There is a couple of  
7           safety concerns relevant to emergency  
8           response at the park.

9           Nancy, I don't think you touched on  
10          the exit lane? Can you -

11          MS. LENZ: What we did look at  
12          doing is currently all of the traffic  
13          that leaves the park has to come back  
14          this way also and come around and that's  
15          creating another conflict with the outer  
16          beach traffic coming off -- they all  
17          converge at this point where this backs  
18          up sometimes and this is really the  
19          bottle neck of the park. So what we're  
20          looking at is putting a new exit lane in  
21          this location bringing people out here  
22          and then out of the park so that the  
23          majority of this traffic would no longer  
24          -- all of the traffic would no longer be  
25          coming out this way which would reduce

1 the traffic here and make this an easier  
2 move to come out from.

3 MS. SPENCER: I guess my point is  
4 that other than an emergency -- if there  
5 is really a problem in an emergency  
6 situation then by all means mitigate  
7 them but in terms of using this park, I  
8 don't see spending the money to do this.

9 MR. GIBBONS: Let me go back to  
10 your earlier point about reduction of  
11 the parking lot size. The events that  
12 we have, whereby, we're turning people  
13 away. They used to be more popular and  
14 thankfully now they're not so much.  
15 Parks -- we hate these things. There  
16 never our idea. We just always host  
17 them. A majority of the parking is  
18 taken up by the infrastructure setting  
19 up of the carnival or the fireworks  
20 display or concerts. We've had all  
21 those things there but not recently, but  
22 the recommendations made with this new  
23 parking lot are they reflect all the  
24 engineer -- the evolution of engineering  
25 over the past 40 years, in that, we

1 don't handle any of our stormwater now  
2 the right way. It simply empties out  
3 into the bay or by extension buffer that  
4 we're talking about. So the reduction  
5 is largely taken up by things that Parks  
6 has continue to develop is the fishing  
7 pier which takes off maybe 100 spots and  
8 we corner those off for that use.

9 The swales themselves, I would have  
10 look more closely at the analysis, but  
11 that in and of itself also takes up some  
12 of those spots, but they also serve as a  
13 traffic calming measure, and that gets  
14 back to your -- the mad rush that  
15 everybody has when they come over the  
16 bridge and there is an expectation.  
17 They park -- they're on beach within a  
18 matter of minutes. It doesn't happen  
19 that way but it's still long.

20 MS. LENZ: It's a traffic problem  
21 in the parking lot. We have people  
22 going in every direction.

23 MR. GIBBONS: This will force  
24 people to drive in a more responsible  
25 way where as now we have just this

1 compliment of everybody who leaving  
2 roughly at the same time. Within 90  
3 minutes, 80 percent of the people leave  
4 the park around the same time in the  
5 afternoon. This forces everybody in an  
6 orderly way as best we can figure, but  
7 they have to come into a central exit  
8 lane and leave the park. This is more  
9 similar to what they have at Robert  
10 Moses where there is an access and there  
11 is a need for that. That's what we're  
12 trying to handle with this.

13 I will just go back to the Robert  
14 Moses example. Those parking lots, for  
15 what those facilities are, are pretty  
16 small. Where as at Smith Point our park  
17 is relatively smaller and our parking  
18 lot is much larger.

19 MS. SPENCER: Well, what about my  
20 point of five or ten years down the  
21 road? What if the use at Smith Point  
22 doubles? What happens?

23 MR. PICHNEY: I think it is a crap  
24 shoot issue for beaches because you can  
25 have hurricanes there and there could be

1 no more Robert Moses and no more Smith  
2 Point after a while.

3 MR. GIBBONS: But we have 40 years  
4 of experience there which is more than  
5 we have at some other places. Actually,  
6 the park is 50 years old this year, but  
7 the Parks Department didn't even exist  
8 at the time and it is still a condition.  
9 Since the Parks Department conception,  
10 we have about 40 years of experience at  
11 the park. We actually have seen a  
12 drop-off since a peek in the 80's but  
13 even in those cases, in the 80's, it  
14 wasn't as if we were turning people away  
15 everyday, whereas, at Cupsogue on the  
16 other side of the inlet, we turn people  
17 away every single weekend and day  
18 throughout the entire Summer, and that's  
19 an example of a facility that's far  
20 smaller than Cupsouge, but the parking  
21 lot it limits the use and because we  
22 have about 700 or 800 parking stalls  
23 there, we could never have anymore of  
24 the proximity to the, again, Moriches  
25 bay to the north impacting the areas to



1 the west, the ocean to the south. So  
2 there is no opportunity to expand  
3 parking there either as there is not  
4 here, but in this case we see this as --

5 MS. SPENCER: Is that really true  
6 that there is no way to expand this?  
7 That this is it for the parking?

8 MR. GIBBONS: There would be no --  
9 you would have a tough time making the  
10 argument from an environmental -- from  
11 the CEQ.

12 MS. LENZ: Obviously, there is a  
13 lot of land, and there is locations  
14 where you can see but --

15 MR. GIBBONS: You would have to  
16 take away existing recreation facilities  
17 to do that and that would be a very  
18 heavy risk.

19 MS. FISHER: Some ocean issues over  
20 the last 30 years have reduced the beach  
21 areas and --

22 MS. SPENCER: Right, it may be at  
23 mood point and I recognize that.

24 MR. GIBBONS: And if you have been  
25 going there for that long, in the 80's,

1 the beach was far wider in that area and  
2 you can accommodate a lot more patrons  
3 than we can today.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Michael?

5 MR. KAUFMAN: One of things, Mary  
6 Ann, that you should consider is that  
7 the park may have reached capacity.  
8 Again, we're looking at erosion of the  
9 beach. We're looking at environmental  
10 factors, the beach exits, and things  
11 like that and the reduction in parking  
12 spaces may be a logical response to  
13 that.

14 MS. SPENCER: I understand. It  
15 just seems to me that this is a kind of  
16 contradiction that you're reducing the  
17 parking spaces but then expanding the  
18 access and I would --

19 MR. KAUFMAN: I hear what you're  
20 saying. I am just throwing out another  
21 angle too.

22 MS. SPENCER: And I understand that  
23 the future is unknown.

24 MR. KAUFMAN: And that is something  
25 I have seen in the master plan. It

1 looks like there are capacity issues  
2 over these issues. For example, people  
3 are going through the dunes and going  
4 fishing all over the place and blowing  
5 the dunes apart and that worries me in  
6 that sense. So that's just something I  
7 am throwing out that's a tenor that I  
8 saw int here.

9 Also regarding the traffic flow,  
10 it's terrible down there. I agree with  
11 our Parks analyst that Robert Moses  
12 flows much better.

13 MS. SPENCER: I don't think the  
14 traffic flow is a big issue when you go  
15 to the beach. I understand the  
16 emergency --

17 MR. GIBBONS: The bridge doesn't  
18 help. We have a single lane of traffic  
19 going in either direction. That is a  
20 separate project, frankly, that's DPW's  
21 facility and not ours, but they will be  
22 coming to you at some point. The end is  
23 near for that bridge. There was just  
24 emergency repair done on that bridge.  
25 That bottleneck needs to be addressed

1           one way or the other, but the existing  
2           conditions are not appropriate for such  
3           a large public facility with very  
4           limited access for emergency service.

5           MS. SPENCER: For emergency  
6           services, I am totally on board.

7           MR. GIBBONS: This is not all about  
8           designing and convenience for the park  
9           patrons.

10          MS. SPENCER: Fair enough.

11          MR. GIBBONS: Nancy is not  
12          finished, I don't think, with the  
13          presentation.

14          MR. CHAIRMAN: I just want to  
15          follow-up since we're talking about  
16          parking lots.

17                 When you put in new paving since  
18                 you're redoing the whole lot, are you  
19                 going to put in the permeable type of  
20                 asphalt to enhance the proper drainage?

21          MS. LENZ: I think that would be  
22          considered at this time with the design.  
23          Some of the issue there and I know the  
24          Parks personnel haven't had a problem  
25          with the swales as it is consistent with

1 the sand in the area and will back clog  
2 it up and how are these things going to  
3 work? It would be a consideration. At  
4 this point we find it to be  
5 significantly more expensive than the  
6 regular asphalt. We think it's a good  
7 solution in a lot of ways to create a  
8 more aesthetic look at that parking lot.  
9 That's part of what I think creates a  
10 better experience. So, you could do a  
11 permeable pavement. It is certainly an  
12 alternative that could be considered  
13 when the design is there.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Gloria?

15 MS. RUSSO: As far as permeable  
16 pavement, many of these permeable paving  
17 are designed to be over a bed of gravel  
18 18 inches deep and you still need an  
19 area that is groundwater. Did you say  
20 groundwater was two feet?

21 MS. LENZ: Yes, right on the beach  
22 and that's what makes them so expensive  
23 is that material. So looking at the  
24 size of the area, you can use that in  
25 certain areas also and not -- you can

1 use that in your traveling paved and do  
2 your parking spaces permeable. That's a  
3 way to handle that. It can handle the  
4 capacity of the road also. So there are  
5 ways to do that and it wouldn't have to  
6 be the whole lot, but it still a  
7 consideration.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Nick, on the  
9 emergency vehicles issue that has come  
10 up several times, is that the issue that  
11 emergency vehicles just continue to grow  
12 in size or what is the issue with the  
13 emergency vehicles?

14 MR. GIBBONS: The issue is that on  
15 some Summer days, under ideal  
16 conditions, the traffic backs up over  
17 the north side of the bridge.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: So it doesn't have  
19 anything to do with turning radiuses or  
20 anything like that?

21 MR. GIBBONS: No, it's simply a  
22 matter of getting there.

23 MS. LENZ: I will just add to that.  
24 In terms of moving the bus stops into  
25 the circle part of that is because the

1 bus has to pull in front of the pavilion  
2 and people are dropping off in front of  
3 the pavilion and the emergency vehicles  
4 come through there because that's where  
5 the first-aid is. They need to get to  
6 the pavilion. There is some congestion  
7 in front -- directly in front of the  
8 pavilion that moving the bus location  
9 and the drop-off -- outside of that area  
10 would keep that area more open for  
11 emergency vehicles.

12 MS. RUSSO: Nancy, real quick -- as  
13 far as -- I know that extra lane is for  
14 the drop-off over there at the pavilion  
15 but will the access from that new area  
16 to the pavilion and the main sidewalk be  
17 ADA accessible to somebody on the bus  
18 that needs it?

19 MS. LENZ: Yes, our intention would  
20 be for it to be ADA accessible, and I  
21 think I am getting a little bit out of  
22 order, but I will just mention that what  
23 we show here is actually -- there is a  
24 well that's no longer used because it is  
25 we use public water at the park --

1 removing that, but also creating a  
2 boardwalk entrance at this location for  
3 the people who get dropped off and then  
4 creating a boardwalk that ties into the  
5 boardwalk that's over by Finn's facility  
6 all the way across into the pavilion and  
7 then back down to campgrounds and cross  
8 over and that would be all be accessible  
9 and that, we think, would actually get  
10 people to use this location because  
11 right now people like to drop-off over  
12 here which also gets congested, but if  
13 you had this direct connection, we  
14 think, that would help a lot in getting  
15 people dropped off here and right into  
16 the beach, so that's what we're  
17 proposing there -- to work within that  
18 circulation.

19 The only thing in the parking lot I  
20 wanted to mention is we show a building  
21 here. (Indicating.) Originally, there  
22 was a facilities operation building  
23 called for. That was going to be the  
24 administration building and that was  
25 going to be the maintenance offices.



1           That was never constructed and there are  
2           issues because of the flood location and  
3           everything -- that wasn't going to be  
4           built, and we wanted to reuse this  
5           facility, however, what we show here is  
6           a maintenance garage which wouldn't be  
7           an occupied facility. They can store  
8           their equipment and work in this area,  
9           but this would be their offices. This  
10          would be their bathrooms. This would be  
11          their showers. This would be maintained  
12          up in this corner. (Indicating.)

13                 There, right now, if you see what  
14                 they're storing in the pavilion itself  
15                 -- if you walk through these rooms, they  
16                 have -- in the Winter all their  
17                 equipment. Bathrooms have equipment in  
18                 it. Everything has equipment in it.  
19                 They really need some additional space.  
20                 So this is -- we thought we would reuse  
21                 that location and just have the garage  
22                 in that location. We also have  
23                 identified this as an potential  
24                 alternate location for that. If for  
25                 some reason they decide they don't want

1 to go ahead with all the changes here --  
2 you know, if it didn't happen -- if  
3 things didn't happen in the 1997 plan,  
4 it could be located in this and you  
5 would maintain -- you could maintain  
6 your circulation in this location but  
7 that's just a potential alternative use.  
8 Everybody in Parks is in agreement.  
9 They like this because this gives them  
10 people in the vicinity at the toll both  
11 also which is a consideration that I  
12 have -- you know, for security and not  
13 to be so alone in different areas of the  
14 site.

15 Along these boardwalks, we also are  
16 calling for continuing dune restoration  
17 along the front pavilion and maintaining  
18 the concert area. I think they -- Nick,  
19 did they build the new playground?

20 MR. GIBBONS: Yes.

21 MS. LENZ: There is a new  
22 playground already in this area and some  
23 potential in the picnic areas --  
24 maintaining those picnic areas and such  
25 things.

1           We show on here potential other  
2           uses for this area and it could be a  
3           picnic overflow. One of the things  
4           Parks has talked about and is a  
5           miniature golf course, but they also  
6           identify that as potentially being at  
7           the marina site, and I will get into  
8           later because I think that's probably a  
9           more likely site for that.

10           The last thing -- this was in the  
11           1997 Master Plan. We still think it's a  
12           good use of the site. It is to create a  
13           nature center and then tie that into the  
14           boardwalk and we would locate it between  
15           the pavilion and the campground so that  
16           it draws from both sides.

17           I think that is pretty much  
18           everything on this side of the plan. I  
19           will just mention that this is the DARE  
20           area, and it shows nothing really going  
21           on here except that we are recommending  
22           that they reconstruct the bathrooms  
23           here. These bathrooms get used for  
24           special occasions by Parks -- you know,  
25           if they're having a walk-a-thon, I guess

1 or something, they open it up.

2 MR. GIBBONS: But mostly for  
3 Finn's.

4 MS. LENZ: But Finn's uses it  
5 because they don't have public  
6 facilities, and since a lot of the  
7 people are using -- this parking is  
8 going into Finn's, it creates a good use  
9 and it's not ADA accessible right now  
10 and that needs to happen.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Dan?

12 MR. PICHNEY: I am just curious.  
13 Not that I am opposed to nature centers,  
14 but why would you have a nature center  
15 when Finn's has a nature center?

16 MR. GIBBONS: We don't like Finn's.  
17 They know that. Have you been to Finn's  
18 nature center? It is not particularly  
19 accessible. It is certainly not ADA  
20 compliant.

21 One of the things we like about the  
22 location of this nature center --

23 MR. PICHNEY: It's not a hostile  
24 question.

25 MR. GIBBONS: It's on the extreme

1 western end of our park and what we  
2 envision for this site is something that  
3 we can run more programming for even off  
4 hours for the camp -- the campers that  
5 are there, and I think that would be --  
6 quite far, the most exciting aspect of  
7 this plan, for me, is this boardwalk  
8 concept with the nature center and that,  
9 I think, it could serve both visitation  
10 -- both the day trip use at the pavilion  
11 with proximity to the community beach  
12 area. They could come up to the nature  
13 center for a program or take a walk and  
14 those people coming from the campground  
15 can take this walkway through the --  
16 behind the primary dunes to get up to  
17 the nature center for this programming  
18 idea. It just gives people more to do  
19 then just the playground that we have  
20 down in the campground -- get them out  
21 of their campers. If you can call it  
22 "camping." The center, just like any of  
23 these other things, will be a phased in  
24 program so it really can't come before  
25 the boardwalk.

1           MR. PICHNEY: I am going to agree  
2           with you. I think the educational  
3           potential is enormous.

4           MR. GIBBONS: We're losing that.  
5           We used to do some limited program and  
6           now we do none. We rely on other groups  
7           that can come in. I would envision that  
8           there be a common area that different  
9           groups -- Audubon society or the nature  
10          conservatory or what have you could  
11          organize events, walks, that started  
12          from the nature center and set out from  
13          there. This is a multi-use space.

14          MS. LENZ: Originally, the nature  
15          center was located at the entrance to  
16          the campground. One of the things, I  
17          think, that people still felt was that  
18          they wanted it centralized between the  
19          two so that it would provide for the two  
20          because it always was identified as just  
21          for the campground and with the off-hour  
22          program in the evening you can do star  
23          watching and star -- you can a lot of  
24          things like that, but this location can  
25          feed more then just the campground.

1           MR. CHAIRMAN: Nick, looking at the  
2           long term usage of the park and not the  
3           area of the beach itself; is this  
4           included in the Corp of Engineers Report  
5           or study where they might widen the  
6           beach?

7           MR. GIBBONS: It is -- like  
8           everybody else, we're waiting to see  
9           what the FIMP ultimately will say about  
10          this site. Without getting too much off  
11          topic, the Corp of Engineers is very  
12          sympathetic and understands the park  
13          operation as it's currently laid out.  
14          It's worth mentioning that the entirety  
15          of Smith Point County Park is roughly  
16          six miles long. It is within FIMPS  
17          national seashore regulatory boundary.  
18          That is unique. On the far west end at  
19          Robert Moses, they are not; they're  
20          excluded form the boundaries. So with  
21          that additional layer of regulation  
22          comes a lot more opinions about how --  
23          what the future of the Smith Point Park  
24          would look like. One of things that has  
25          been discussed many times is abandonment

1 of the existing civilian location and  
2 either going in a totally different  
3 direction with the park -- with no  
4 primary facility such as that or moving  
5 it to a different location within the  
6 park that is not subject to concerns  
7 that they have raised relative to global  
8 warming and what have you. I don't know  
9 if there is any site within the park  
10 that would fit those criteria. I  
11 personally doubt there are, but the  
12 County's position is the pavilion, for  
13 the next -- for the foreseeable future  
14 it will be located in its present  
15 location and that's what this plan  
16 endorses.

17 The next panel here is the  
18 campground.

19 MS. LENZ: Yes. this is the active  
20 part of the park. It has a few  
21 additions to it.

22 This section is the campground  
23 expansion that was done based on the  
24 1997 Plan, and these sites are very  
25 large and they have full facilities.



1           They have sanitary hookup and everything  
2           such as electric water, but we're not  
3           calling for any additional facilities at  
4           that campground location site, but we  
5           are looking for upgrades. They need to  
6           upgrade their sanitary system. The dump  
7           stations are undersized so they have to  
8           put two in and the existing one has to  
9           be upgraded. They no longer reach the  
10          facilities, so these are some of the  
11          types of electrical upgrades -- from the  
12          older bathhouse upgrades, but it's  
13          generally upgrading the existing  
14          facilities. We're not really calling  
15          for a lot of new facilities in the  
16          campground itself. We are upgrading  
17          electric service to the yellow site.  
18          They don't have service right now. They  
19          would get service. As for the pink  
20          ones, they upgraded the service to  
21          50 amps because now everybody's got  
22          everything in their campers and they  
23          need even more electricity to go out and  
24          camp on the beach.

25                 The other thing that we're looking

1 to do is this is the campground office  
2 that was rebuilt -- that was in the 1997  
3 Master Plan. That was built and it is  
4 functioning but what has happened there  
5 is a lot people are using the outer  
6 beach and on busy Saturdays that backs  
7 up and a lot of the traffic here, so  
8 Parks has put in a new access location  
9 so if you have the permit to go to the  
10 outer beach you can use that when it is  
11 open -- that secondary location. So  
12 that pulls in here along side the fence  
13 of the campground and then fades into  
14 the existing roadway that goes out  
15 there. That's just used on the weekends  
16 when it is very busy, but they needed  
17 that on tide deflating areas. This is  
18 the boardwalk that extends from the  
19 other screen and runs all the way along  
20 here. (Indicating.) These are dune  
21 cross overs that we built as part of the  
22 initial master plan. This one was  
23 damaged on the -- that one has to be  
24 rebuilt but this was the existing  
25 boardwalk which would extend all the way

1           there so you could walk from the  
2           campgrounds all the way back to the  
3           pavilion and to the actual life-guarded  
4           beach which is something I know they're  
5           trying to encourage, but I think the  
6           boardwalk will make it more attractive  
7           to do that.

8                     The other thing we're looking is  
9           new dune cross over down here at this  
10          end of the campground because they  
11          turned out to work very well. So there  
12          is one more down over here and it keeps  
13          people off the dune area. (Indicating.)

14                    So that's really all that is  
15          recommended for this section of the  
16          beach. There's not much going on.

17                    Anybody have any questions on this  
18          area?

19                    MS. FISHER: Just a question on the  
20          bus drop off area. Does that -- in  
21          getting closer to the ocean there, are  
22          there issues and concerns with regard to  
23          the dune structure in that area?

24                    MS. LENZ: I guess no matter where  
25          you are there might be but that is --

1           actually, right now, there's the Well  
2           House that's built on that site. So  
3           we're only going about 15 feet further  
4           south. There is an existing structure  
5           in the area right now, so we are  
6           removing the existing structure and  
7           putting in pavement so we are as far  
8           back as you could be. Obviously, there  
9           was not --

10           MS. FISHER: Wasn't the inner  
11           circle cutting into the outer circle  
12           because there isn't a lot of buffering  
13           and -- you know --

14           MS. LENZ: We actually -- we didn't  
15           and I realized later on that, that's --  
16           you would have to tighten that simple  
17           radius of the traffic circle. It has to  
18           flow a certain way around. So you would  
19           have to look -- it could be smaller, I  
20           am sure, but you would have to do the  
21           whole thing which would be a much more  
22           expensive proposition.

23           MS. FISHER: Also, how far is it  
24           from that bus stop to that main pavilion  
25           in feet because that is substantial, I

1 mean, if there is people who are older  
2 and walking all that distance to a  
3 restroom, I find it kind of disconnected  
4 from their main use patterns and  
5 lifeguards and all that other --

6 MS. LENZ: It is -- it is and I  
7 don't know that everybody might use it,  
8 but a lot of the people who are dropping  
9 off, are dropping off at the Finn's site  
10 and taking that boardwalk to the beach.  
11 So we are really trying to --

12 MS. FISHER: Right, but if you have  
13 a public bus, it's a different kind of  
14 situation with each individual -- you  
15 know, I just think there is a disconnect  
16 there with people taking the bus would  
17 want to go to the main facility of the  
18 park rather than go to the offshoot  
19 areas.

20 MR. GIBBONS: Well, it is a place  
21 holder for now. Ultimately, it will be  
22 up to the bus company and the authority  
23 to determine whether or not that meets  
24 their standards. It may not but that  
25 drop off point would still accommodate

1           the general public use. I could see  
2           where we would prohibit -- we have  
3           plenty of handicap parking up at the  
4           pavilion itself, so this would not apply  
5           to them but the general public's  
6           drop-off -- the "kiss and ride" concept  
7           that's is where we want that because we  
8           currently have so much traffic right at  
9           the pavilion and they have to meander  
10          through first Park Police parking, then  
11          park staff parking, and drop-off -- it  
12          needs to be addressed. So the vast  
13          majority of those being dropped off  
14          there could be accommodated to other  
15          sides and they could walk a couple  
16          hundred yards.

17                 MS. LENZ: The outer beach we  
18                 looked at -- basically, the outer beach  
19                 -- obviously, we're not developing much  
20                 out there and I have pictures coming up  
21                 after but I -- I mentioned the secondary  
22                 access to the permit holders at the  
23                 campground area and expansion of also  
24                 the outer beach pump station facilities.

25                         The designation of emergency access

1 route -- so I will just mention -- they  
2 have some issues when they have to get  
3 out there in a hurry and there are some  
4 -- when the tide was very high, they  
5 need to get out there in a hurry. They  
6 can't always get to the campground when  
7 it is busy, so they have a long -- this  
8 location here -- right along the back  
9 we're looking to create an opening for  
10 emergency vehicles if they have to go  
11 in. It is pretty much there already.  
12 It is just not designated as such. They  
13 don't have the cleared vegetation for  
14 it.

15 Then the proposed closures of  
16 excess trails. You can read through  
17 them and I'll show you -- direction  
18 signage for open trails, fishing parking  
19 out at the inlet, and redesign of maps  
20 and improved signage for people who use  
21 beach and that is the -- it is very  
22 long. I have four slides here, but this  
23 is the emergency access in here. I just  
24 mentioned right along the back currently  
25 they come down here and go back up

1           again. Sometimes the tide creates they  
2           have no passage here and they --- if  
3           this is a busy weekend, it is very  
4           difficult. So they would like to have  
5           an emergency access to come through here  
6           through the outer beach.

7           The color is the areas of over  
8           wash. Also there is a symbol in here  
9           where they did the dune restoration, so  
10          they kind of tie together when you look  
11          at the two areas. I may be saying one  
12          as the other. I cannot read the text on  
13          the lower part. There are other areas  
14          in here where we crossed off -- we X'd  
15          off where we wanted to close off the  
16          trails that people tend to get out there  
17          and then go wherever they want, and we  
18          would like to close them off and then  
19          have the signage to tell them, "You have  
20          to keep going or these are the only  
21          routes you can use."

22          MR. KAUFMAN: Nancy, that, in my  
23          opinion, those closing off of the trails  
24          is the -- has a rank thing next to beach  
25          replenishment as the highest priority.



1           That's where you have the most damage.  
2           Two things: You create basically a  
3           vocal wash point where you people have  
4           broken through the dunes or, frankly,  
5           you have an over-wash that goes right  
6           into the tidal wetlands. If I make the  
7           motion, for whatever I am going -- I am  
8           seeing all of the costs involved, and I  
9           know something has to be done with the  
10          park. That will be my highest priority  
11          on all of this -- the closed beach  
12          exits, again, I have seen the damage  
13          over there. It's nice to be able to  
14          march through and go fishing but there  
15          is a cost to the park and I am glad to  
16          see that somebody finally has recognized  
17          that and is trying to do something about  
18          it.

19                 MS. LENZ: And it's not an  
20                 expensive fix, really. You just have to  
21                 keep up on it.

22                 MR. KAUFMAN: I looked at the cost  
23                 factors. Even if you get some of Dan's  
24                 leaves -- little blue stem leaves like  
25                 that -- I checked. Dan has a book on

1           weds and the native vegetation weeds  
2           around here. It's the best thing we can  
3           do. Putting in poison ivy also may not  
4           be a bad idea. I am not allergic so I  
5           would try it.

6           MS. LENZ: The blue shows either  
7           where the beach is not there or there  
8           are over wash in those locations and  
9           then -- then you can't see it in a lot  
10          of them but they show it where the beach  
11          nourishment was done -- it is also shown  
12          on the map and they kind of coincide to  
13          a certain extent -- those two things but  
14          that's just --

15          MR. GIBBON: These figures are all  
16          taken from the fold out from the back of  
17          -- in Section 5.

18          MS. LENZ: Yes, they're in the  
19          master plan.

20          This is, again, the inlet looking  
21          at -- identifying the two parking areas  
22          confining that so that people are not  
23          driving all over out there and parking  
24          wherever they would like to.

25          MR. KAUFMAN: That's Moriches

1 Inlet?

2 MS. LENZ: Yes.

3 Then there are a couple of spots  
4 that we do maintain access to for  
5 fishing purposes. So we are saying,  
6 these are the ones you can use and the  
7 rest we were proposing.

8 This is the marina site and, again,  
9 the map is in the back. The existing,  
10 right now, they have three boat ramps  
11 here -- three and they're pretty popular  
12 and then they have parking that's  
13 existing and what we're proposing at  
14 this point is to add one more boat ramp  
15 and to increase the parking. The  
16 facility has been popular enough to say  
17 they need this. They right now don't  
18 have any other facilities. They're  
19 bringing in bathrooms in season -- like  
20 porter potties -- trailer type bathrooms  
21 and then take them out again at the end  
22 of the season.

23 What they are looking to do is to  
24 look at a marina for this area, but they  
25 would doing it as a finding someone to

1 run that facility. Parks has put out a  
2 letter of interest to --

3 MR. GIBBONS: That's right.

4 MS. LENZ: (Continuing) -- to see  
5 if anybody is interested in operating  
6 the marina in that area.

7 The channel exists. The channel is  
8 in good shape. It's there and it's  
9 really missing an opportunity for  
10 additional access there.

11 MR. KAUFMAN: One quick question on  
12 that, Mr. Chairman.

13 The area to the right as the map is  
14 presented to us, that's upland? That's  
15 not marsh land?

16 MS. LENZ: This is all upland.

17 This is preserved. This is a  
18 marsh. (Indicating.)

19 MR. KAUFMAN: Let me put this on  
20 the record.

21 You're not going to be eliminating  
22 or taking out any marsh land if this  
23 marina complex is constructed?

24 MR. GIBBONS: This is all previous  
25 dredged soil from a variety of projects.

1 MR. KAUFMAN: So the marina complex  
2 would be in the disturbed area?

3 MR. GIBBONS: This has been  
4 contemplated several times over the  
5 years and, of course, this Council has  
6 seen some of the top proposals, as well.

7 MR. BAGG: If I might add a point  
8 that in '88' and '89' the council  
9 reviewed a full marina facility in this  
10 area and they said it was a negative  
11 declaration on it.

12 MS. LENZ: And it was the same  
13 thing. It was on this side.

14 MR. BAGG: Soccer fields to the  
15 north and issued a negative declaration  
16 in that disturbed area.

17 MR. KAUFMAN: I could see a  
18 negative declaration on this as long as  
19 this is a disturbed area, but touching  
20 wetlands, at this point in time, that's  
21 where it starts being problem.

22 MR. BAGG: You're off base.

23 MS. LENZ: This is a whole bulk  
24 headed channel and we're not touching  
25 anything on that side.

1 MR. KAUFMAN: Just making sure  
2 that's where you're going.

3 MS. LENZ: And this area, again,  
4 dredged soil which has been tested and  
5 it really doesn't appear to have any  
6 real value to it either. We haven't  
7 really addressed -- you know, how it  
8 would be developed because they're  
9 looking for someone to do that for them.  
10 So that would have to come in as a  
11 separate -- you know, use if that was  
12 what they wanted.

13 This area up here which is also  
14 upland and it's also disturbed was  
15 originally going to be housing. You can  
16 see the clearing of the streets. The  
17 County owns that, and that's what we're  
18 talking about any type of active  
19 recreational use. I mentioned maybe  
20 miniature golf. Any type of -- skate  
21 park, at one point, someone talked about  
22 at Smith Point. I think in the earlier  
23 -- in the 1997 Master Plan, they  
24 actually recommended a skate park or --  
25 roller hockey was in there, I think.

1 We're not looking for those uses now at  
2 the beach park, but if they wanted to do  
3 something like that, that being located  
4 within a community gives you a location  
5 to have that type of facility or a  
6 regular park -- adjacent to the  
7 community that we're using; not down  
8 across the bridge. So that's the orange  
9 area. Those actual uses haven't been  
10 identified at this point. It just  
11 that's where we felt you should focus  
12 putting those types of uses rather than  
13 at the beach park.

14 MR. BAGG: That area was proposed  
15 for a soccer field and received a  
16 negative declaration.

17 MS. LENZ: It hasn't been developed  
18 -- the uses may be a little bit  
19 different now, but still staying within  
20 that active recreational type of use  
21 would be in that location.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you have any  
23 transportation from the main park over  
24 to this park?

25 MS. LENZ: They don't. In fact,

1 the park personnel tells me that people  
2 like to park because it's free to park  
3 at the marina site and walk to the  
4 beach. So, you see a lot of people  
5 walking to the area --

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: So it's safe to walk  
7 across the bridge?

8 MS. LENZ: Yes. It is narrow --  
9 there is a sidewalk there, but it is  
10 narrow. So it's a little bit -- when  
11 there are bicycles and pedestrians and  
12 cars, it is tight. There is discussion  
13 that bridge needs to be updated and when  
14 that would happen, hopefully they will  
15 have a wider bicycle lane and a wider  
16 pedestrian lane and that would really --  
17 you know, it is a beautiful bridge to  
18 walk over actually. It is really pretty  
19 and you people see there in the morning  
20 quite often and they're walking over,  
21 around, and back up again.

22 MR. PICHNEY: Nancy, shuttle buses  
23 are extremely expensive to operate and  
24 for a situation like this where people  
25 are carrying all their beach



1 paraphernalia you're going to need like  
2 a larger bus with plenty of room and  
3 then when you add in the handicap thing  
4 -- it's always a nice idea, but I think  
5 it would be sort of out of the question  
6 for the Parks Department budget and so  
7 forth.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

9 MS. FISHER: Wouldn't there be a  
10 conflict of use on the parking if people  
11 are using free parking but there is  
12 other multiple uses on the site -- there  
13 is possibly going to be the conflicts  
14 down the road when those sites are  
15 developed for the marina or active  
16 recreation, soccer fields -- how are you  
17 going to deal with those conflicts when  
18 those things are developed?

19 MR. GIBBONS: The current parking  
20 requires a permit. You need to buy a  
21 seasonal permit for boat launching  
22 purposes and you need that to park  
23 there. With that being said, with many  
24 of our regulations, there isn't enough  
25 enforcement to enforce all these rules.

1           So there is -- I wouldn't say  
2           significant but I wouldn't be surprised  
3           if over here that people are bypassing  
4           the fee or the traffic to park there and  
5           walk across. If at such time we decide  
6           to develop this northern portion for  
7           athletic use, that concept would need to  
8           be further developed and parking would  
9           have to be addressed at that time. The  
10          current parking would not be adequate  
11          for a soccer facility of any scale given  
12          the popularity of those types of  
13          activities.

14                 MR. CHAIRMAN: Nancy, are you  
15                 finished?

16                 MS. LENZ: Yes, I am finished.

17                 MR. CHAIRMAN: One question.  
18                 Behind your name is the initial's  
19                 R.L.A.?

20                 MS. LENZ: Registered Land  
21                 Architect.

22                 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

23                 MR. KAUFMAN: What are we supposed  
24                 to look at, at this point in time? What  
25                 is the SEQRA aspect of this lovely

1 presentation? Are we doing a negative  
2 declaration on this? Theoretically, are  
3 we going to do an unlisted negative  
4 declaration?

5 MR. BAGG: Well, basically, as I  
6 mentioned, it is going to be a physical  
7 alteration of 2.56 acres in total so it  
8 would be a Type 1. Basically, I don't  
9 see anything really significant here.  
10 It's upgrading existing facilities and  
11 making some minor improvements. Some of  
12 them are beneficial and other are just  
13 park --

14 MR. KAUFMAN: The main southern  
15 area doesn't give me any problems. I  
16 think that it is well thought out and a  
17 decent master plan. The marina gives me  
18 a little bit of pause. I mean we can  
19 put in a condition basically that says,  
20 "No wetlands be removed." Normally with  
21 a marina development, I know we have  
22 given negative declarations in the past  
23 such as the 1980's.

24 MR. BAGG: It's a pretty  
25 substantial marina too.

1           MR. KAUFMAN: Yes. The question  
2 will be whether that negative  
3 declaration has validity today and  
4 whether we might want to look at this in  
5 the future.

6           MR. BAGG: Well, we can give a  
7 negative declaration that any future  
8 marina proposals will have to have  
9 separate SEQRA reviews to begin.

10          MS. LENZ: I think that's what he  
11 intended in the EAF.

12          MR. KAUFMAN: That's what I also  
13 just wrote down. I would feel  
14 comfortable going with a negative  
15 declaration on this situation with that  
16 review done and also on one other  
17 condition that I would like to put on  
18 there.

19          MR. CHAIRMAN: What about any  
20 suggestions that were made to consider  
21 by various members?

22          MR. KAUFMAN: Well, yes, we should  
23 throw those in. Whoever makes the  
24 motion, there is a couple of  
25 recommendations that I think should be

1 added in there.

2 MS. SPENCER: You make the motion.

3 MR. KAUFMAN: Type 1, Negative  
4 Declaration, recommendation that  
5 priority be given to closing of the  
6 beach exits and the protection of the  
7 dunes as a first priority. Also that  
8 the marina, if it is developed in the  
9 future, be subjected to additional  
10 environmental review by this council.

11 Any other conditions that anyone  
12 else wanted to throw in?

13 MR. PICHNEY: Nick answered my  
14 question to my satisfaction. The issue  
15 of increasing the buffer area or  
16 anything like that or reducing the lot  
17 -- you know, I will pass on that.

18 MR. KAUFMAN: I was going to say  
19 land banking is the way they in classic  
20 development but I --

21 MR. PICHNEY: I don't think that's  
22 appropriate.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mary Ann?

24 MS. SPENCER: Well, I do think that  
25 emergency access trumps all of my

1 concerns and they remain that, but the  
2 bridge is narrow and on the weekends the  
3 traffic is great and while --

4 MR. KAUFMAN: So you're willing to  
5 go with it?

6 MS. SPENCER: I feel that it  
7 trumps, yes.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Gloria?

9 MS. RUSSO: No, I am okay with what  
10 so far.

11 MR. KAUFMAN: Larry, that's my  
12 motion and I am sticking with it.

13 MR. GIBBON: Larry, do you want us  
14 to consider at the time of the  
15 development of the parking lot the  
16 concept that leaves some analysis and  
17 some attention be given towards a  
18 permanent pavement or some suitable  
19 alterative to that?

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: No.

21 MS. RUSSO: I think the swales and  
22 putting in those 600 spaces of parking  
23 certainly -- geographically, as to  
24 what's there, can fill the spaces with  
25 gravel and the cost wise, I think, is

1 better.

2 MR. GIBBONS: It's always helpful  
3 for us, on our end, to have these  
4 incorporated within the negative  
5 declaration because ten years down the  
6 road when we finally get to this parking  
7 lot, this is going to come up so  
8 whatever the issue is, I appreciate the  
9 comments.

10 MR. KAUFMAN: Straight out, I don't  
11 think that permeable paving given the  
12 location, et cetera, is maybe the best.

13 Frankly, with the sand blowing  
14 around during the wintertime, it's going  
15 to get into the little spaces that we  
16 might have over there. It's going to be  
17 a maintenance thing.

18 MR. GIBBONS: I personally didn't  
19 care either way. I just wanted to  
20 remind Larry in the event that he wanted  
21 it included but thank you.

22 MR. KAUFMAN: That's my motion and  
23 I am sticking with it.

24 MS. RUSSO: I second it.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Second.

1 Any further discussions?

2 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Nick, we didn't talk  
4 about painting -- painting of the  
5 building. You mentioned in there, I  
6 guess, because of the sand and so forth  
7 blowing on it that the building needs  
8 attention and just out of curiosity,  
9 what are you doing with regard to that?  
10 For example, you said skylights are  
11 badly scarred and not letting light in  
12 and that kind of thing. So are you  
13 going to replace them? If they're  
14 functioning, are you going to do away  
15 with them?

16 MR. GIBBONS: The pavilion is an  
17 ongoing project. We just replaced the  
18 roof. Those shingles were original for  
19 the building. We definitely got our  
20 monies worth there, but each time we  
21 tackle projects at the pavilion, we  
22 understand that renovations there are  
23 almost sacrificial. Given the  
24 conditions and the environment  
25 immediately surrounding the pavilion and



1 the year around weathering that goes on  
2 there, fair more than any of our other  
3 locations. It's always a work in  
4 progress. In the case with the  
5 skylights, we've gone with glass block.  
6 We replaced entire -- most of the  
7 fixtures in some of the restrooms, but  
8 to get more light into the building, we  
9 had glass blocks. Some of things that  
10 we tried in the past have failed and  
11 some have worked out better than we  
12 anticipated. So the paint is another  
13 issue. Any of the exterior finishes to  
14 the building are always a toss up.

15 MR. PICHNEY: Nick, can I ask you a  
16 question regarding things like skylights  
17 and so forth?

18 MR. GIBBONS: Yes.

19 First, I hope that I don't sound  
20 too dumb but is it possible to have a  
21 glass skylight and then something that's  
22 like -- an erode -- a wearing surface  
23 like something plexiglas that once it  
24 gets abraded, you toss it and you still  
25 have basically primary infrastructure of

1 the skylight in place.

2 MR. GIBBONS: I don't know enough  
3 about it. We're trying translucent  
4 panels over at Cupsouge, as well over  
5 our dining area for our concessions and  
6 that's a big expense for the  
7 concessionaire in that case, but we're  
8 skeptical. The Parks Department is  
9 financially skeptical of introducing new  
10 technologies and new materials of the  
11 buildings that we know from a  
12 maintenance standpoint require  
13 additional care and given the staffing  
14 levels that each of these parks has,  
15 it's hard for us to maintain systems  
16 that require more periodic maintenance  
17 than some of the more traditional  
18 materials, but I don't know enough about  
19 that topic to comment.

20 MS. RUSSO: Well, I know you're  
21 looking at the solar tubes instead of  
22 the skylights for more daylight, and I  
23 know there is a solar tube company right  
24 in Oakdale who has installed many in  
25 south shore houses with solar tubes that

1 have --

2 MR. GIBBONS: That's like a  
3 periscope effect, right?

4 MS. RUSSO: Right.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a --

6 Mary Ann?

7 MS. SPENCER: One more slight  
8 point. The nature center that you  
9 talked about. Now I hope that's not ten  
10 years down the road the way the parking  
11 lot has --

12 MR. GIBBONS: Well, its already  
13 been 12 because that was part of the  
14 original plan.

15 MR. KAUFMAN: Listen, if it can  
16 hurt Finn's, he will put it in.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and  
18 a --

19 MS. SPENCER: We use that park  
20 often -- almost as often as we do on  
21 season in the nature -- if you put in  
22 nature center, it would be nice to see  
23 offseason proگرامing in a nature center  
24 for that location.

25 MR. GIBBONS: The park has become a

1           12 month operation more than ever  
2           especially in the campground. You  
3           cannot get a camping reservation on New  
4           Year's Eve. The campground is full. So  
5           there are -- there is a lot of use year  
6           around at the park that people don't  
7           even realize. So, yes, the point is  
8           well made.

9           MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and  
10          a second.

11          All in favor?

12          (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

13          MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

14          (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

15          MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.

16          Nick, I know we also have on here  
17          updates on County Parks. We have heard  
18          enough from Parks for today.

19          (WHEREUPON, there was laughter.)

20          MR. CHAIRMAN: We will take 5  
21          minutes for our stenographer.

22          (Whereupon, a brief recess was  
23          taken after which the following  
24          transpired:)

25          (Time Noted: 12:00 p.m.)

1 HEARING OFFICER: Proposed  
2 Multi-Use Recreational Facility at the  
3 Cherry Avenue County Park.

4 MR. KAUFMAN: Negative Declaration.

5 MR. GIBBONS: I did the short form  
6 and, obviously, you can see that. I did  
7 not think there was much value to doing  
8 a long form of it.

9 The site is located in West  
10 Sayville, Town of Islip. The entire  
11 site is 2.78 acres. I believe I  
12 attached an aerial with the submittal.  
13 This shows the conditions. At the time  
14 we were near and close to the property  
15 so you will notice some abandon vehicles  
16 towards the far western end of the  
17 property. Those have been removed by  
18 the seller at the time. I will also  
19 call your attention to the fact that the  
20 site -- at least that -- well I will  
21 call it the western part of the property  
22 is significantly disturbed. That will  
23 be incorporated and utilized within the  
24 dog run area. It's for the purposes of  
25 -- if you're thinking in your head in

1 terms of how much property is going to  
2 be cleared to accommodate this project  
3 -- although the entire 2.78 acres isn't  
4 used with the exception of a buffer area  
5 around the perimeter of the athletic  
6 field, a significant portion of the  
7 property is already disturbed and  
8 cleared.

9 The final page is a rendering that  
10 illustrates how we intend to use the  
11 property. On the western half, roughly  
12 half of the property is the proposed dog  
13 run area. That is somewhat rectangular  
14 -- a little bit irregular in shape. You  
15 will see that it utilizes the existing  
16 wooded area. That's something we did up  
17 at Blydenberg -- just across the street  
18 we ran a chain linked fence through  
19 existing wooded areas. It enhances the  
20 experience -- my understanding of how  
21 these places are used and I am not a  
22 expert but we never got an education in  
23 a couple of other locations.

24 Part of the experience is to use  
25 the wooded area for the dog and their

1 owners -- it is a recreational  
2 enhancement as opposed to a strictly  
3 cleared open area that has --

4 MR. KAUFMAN: Don't the dogs need  
5 to have their view established?

6 MR. GIBBONS: This is not for  
7 waterfront views as some of our other  
8 unauthorized locations do.

9 The eastern half of the property  
10 which fronts Cherry Avenue is identified  
11 here as a soccer field but it's actually  
12 a multi-use athletic field. It was  
13 expanded at the request of the Town of  
14 Islip. It was originally 300 feet and  
15 that's a standard soccer field. It is  
16 330 feet and evidently that accommodated  
17 other uses including but not limited to  
18 Lacrosse. Again, I don't know a lot  
19 about that but it wasn't a significant  
20 change for Parks to incorporate that.  
21 Our partner not so much in the  
22 acquisition, but the management of the  
23 site with respect to the athletic field  
24 will be the Town of Islip and by  
25 extension of a third party -- I don't

1           want to complicate things too much --  
2           but the Bayman Soccer Club operates a  
3           facility on town property to the  
4           immediate north of this facility.  If  
5           you flip back to the aerial you will see  
6           the extreme southern portion of the  
7           Bayman Athletic Complex there.  When  
8           funds are available to the Bayman Club  
9           and/or the Town of Islip, development of  
10          that athletic field will commence.  
11          Until that time, we don't expect any  
12          change to that area for that designated  
13          use.

14                 MS. SPENCER:  Do you have a partner  
15          for the dog run?

16                 MR. GIBBONS:  No, we don't.

17                 MS. SPENCER:  So it will be  
18          maintained entirely by Suffolk County?

19                 MR. GIBBONS:  Correct.

20                 MS. SPENCER:  For the residents of  
21          that community?

22                 MR. GIBBONS:  Residents of Suffolk  
23          County who see fit to use that facility.

24                 MS. SPENCER:  And if it's not -- so  
25          no one --



1           MR. KAUFMAN: They don't have a  
2 partner is what it boils down to.

3           MS. SPENCER: There's no partner  
4 but if the residents of Suffolk County  
5 don't use the receptacles provided, et  
6 cetera, there is no way to rescind this  
7 dog park if people are not responsible  
8 for --

9           MR. GIBBONS: This is not a pilot  
10 project as the others are if that's  
11 where you're going with this. Some of  
12 our other sites --

13          MS. SPENCER: I want it to be  
14 contingent upon -- in other words, if it  
15 becomes a problem, nothing in the  
16 language establishing this as saying all  
17 the neighbors around it complain and  
18 it's not maintained and it's costing the  
19 County a lot of time and money to  
20 maintain it and, therefore, in that  
21 instance, the County can rescind it.

22          MR. GIBBONS: Well, that's true of  
23 many of our sites. I mean the  
24 difference here, which we heard in some  
25 of the other dog runs locations, is that

1           they're pilot projects. Meaning they  
2           are subject to the results of how they  
3           work out. In the case of Blydenberg and  
4           where we have our formal fenced in dog  
5           run, the County, as you heard earlier,  
6           its running about \$50,000 to \$80,000 to  
7           fence those facilities. So those are  
8           really -- they're permanent facilities  
9           in a sense, whereas, a place like --  
10          recently we did a pilot project down in  
11          East Patchogue, Roe Avenue, and  
12          Brookhaven Town -- it is Mud Creek  
13          County Park and that's the great south  
14          bay. That is a former dredge soil area  
15          where it is a pilot program. It's a  
16          remote, by Long Island standards  
17          location, there are no facilities to  
18          speak of. There are no garbage cans.  
19          That's different than here. This is  
20          more of an active recreational facility  
21          where there won't be -- it is true. We  
22          don't have staff at this site and we  
23          never will, but it will be another site  
24          that we're responsible for maintaining.

25                 MS. SPENCER: That's right and so

1 my preference is that all dog runs be  
2 pilot programs.

3 MR. KAUFMAN: Mary Ann, let me jump  
4 in for a second.

5 I don't think by giving a SEQRA  
6 recommendation that we're going to lock  
7 ourselves in forever to the dog run. In  
8 other words, if Parks changes its mind  
9 on the use, the negative declaration  
10 will not lock them in forever. In other  
11 words, if the park becomes a menace --  
12 if the parks becomes a problem as your  
13 looking at, I don't think it is going  
14 lock them in and they can change the use  
15 and withdraw the -- shut it down.

16 MR. BAGG: They can shut it down at  
17 any point.

18 MS. SPENCER: They can?

19 MR. KAUFMAN: Correct.

20 MR. GIBBONS: The extent of our  
21 commitment is this capitol program that  
22 earmarks money for the facilities.

23 MS. SPENCER: Thank you.

24 MR. PICHNEY: That was going to be  
25 my next question. I guess you can use

1           your maintenance money any way you see  
2           fit and as long -- if it gets out of  
3           hand and you say you can't do this  
4           anymore, then you can back out of the  
5           dog run.

6           MR. KAUFMAN:  It's not like it's a  
7           dedication to --

8           MS. SPENCER:  That's what we're  
9           asking.

10          MR. CHAIRMAN:  Do we have a motion?

11          MR. KAUFMAN:  Motion is Unlisted  
12          Negative Declaration.

13          MS. RUSSO:  I second.

14          MR. CHAIRMAN:  We have a motion and  
15          a second.

16          All those in favor?

17          (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

18          MR. CHAIRMAN:  All opposed?

19          (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

20          MR. CHAIRMAN:  Motion carries.

21          Loretta?

22          MS. FISHER:  Loretta Fisher,  
23          Suffolk County Planning Department.

24          Before you today, we have one  
25          proposed acquisition for the Naftal

1 property. It is Peconic River County  
2 Park Addition. The property is located  
3 south of Middle Country Road and east of  
4 Peconic River County Park. We have  
5 extensive holdings in this area --  
6 actually both to the north and to the  
7 east is the Pine Barrens core area.  
8 This is in the compatible area, but  
9 adjacent -- actually LIPA is between our  
10 property and the property south of  
11 Middle Country Road.

12 It's 6.5 acres and we're acquiring  
13 this under the new drinking water  
14 protection program. It's within the  
15 central Suffolk SGPA for groundwater  
16 protection.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Michael?

18 MR. KAUFMAN: Looks good to me. I  
19 have no questions.

20 I am going to make a motion as a  
21 Unlisted Negative Declaration.

22 MS. RUSSO: I second.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Any discussion?

24 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

25 All in favor?

1 (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.

3 Sorry it took so long today. We  
4 had controversial issues.

5 MS. PERROTTA: My name Niamh  
6 Perrotta. I am Traffic Engineer for  
7 Suffolk County Department of Public  
8 Works and I work in the consultant  
9 management unit. I am here today to  
10 present CR-13 intersection improvements  
11 at 5th Avenue in Bayshore.

12 We're working with VHB on this one  
13 and Scott's going to continue on it with  
14 the presentation.

15 MR. SPITTAL: Scott Spittal. I  
16 work for VHB Engineering as a Project  
17 Manger on the project portions of  
18 Suffolk County.

19 This project before you is known as  
20 Suffolk County DPW Capitol Project  
21 5538.10. It is known as CR13/CR13A  
22 Roadway and Intersection Improvements  
23 located in the Town of Islip.

24 The project limits are bounded on  
25 the south by 27A -- New York Route 27A

1 and to the north Spur Drive North.

2 The project originated from a  
3 corridor study that was commissioned by  
4 the County a few years ago to address  
5 operational delays and safety concerns  
6 for the corridor. The length of the  
7 subject corridor is approximately 2.3  
8 miles.

9 The project proposes to upgrade  
10 existing traffic and pedestrian signal  
11 equipment at the intersections within  
12 the project limits. It also proposes to  
13 construct sidewalks where none currently  
14 exist, thereby, providing a continuous  
15 sidewalk section and meets ADA  
16 requirements and standards.

17 Finally there is some minor  
18 widening being proposed at the  
19 intersections of Spur Drive South and  
20 Spur Drive North to accommodate right  
21 turning lanes on the side street that  
22 approaches at Spur Drive South. These  
23 right turning lane additions will  
24 address, again, operational delays and  
25 improve safety intersections.

1 Any questions?

2 MR. KAUFMAN: Any dog runs?

3 MR. SPITTAL: No dog runs. No  
4 in-ground sprinklers either.

5 MR. PICHNEY: Everything will take  
6 place is right away?

7 MR. SPITTAL: Actually, we are  
8 assessing one of the improvements along  
9 a Town easement along Spur Drive South  
10 but other than that, yes. I think what  
11 we are going to have to do is work out  
12 an agreement with the Town of Islip and  
13 the Parks Department both of which will  
14 be coordinated with and we are going to  
15 get their approval.

16 MR. KAUFMAN: Basic single alinent  
17 traffic crossing areas and things like  
18 that just to make the area safer?

19 MR. SPITTAL: Yes.

20 MS. RUSSO: Where is the area on  
21 these drawings that you're going to  
22 coordinate with the Town?

23 MR. SPITTAL: It is the north side  
24 of Spur Drive South is where we are  
25 doing some widening.



1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Anybody want to make  
2 a motion?

3 MR. KAUFMAN: Unlisted Negative  
4 Declaration.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion as  
6 an Unlisted Negative Declaration. Do we  
7 have a second?

8 MS. SPENCER: Second.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a second  
10 from Mary Ann.

11 Any further discussion?

12 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

14 (WHEREUPON, the Board voted.)

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.

16 Thank you very much.

17 Do we have a motion to adjourn.

18 MS. RUSSO: Motion to adjourn.

19 MS. SPENCER: Second.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a second.

21 We're adjourned.

22 (WHEREUPON, this meeting of October  
23 21, 2009, was concluded at 12:14 p.m.)

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I, MELISSA POWELL, a Shorthand Reporter and  
Notary Public of the State of New York, do hereby  
certify:

That the within transcript was prepared by me and is  
a true and accurate record of this hearing, to the best  
of my ability.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the  
parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that  
I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

30th day of Nov 2009.

  
MELISSA POWELL