

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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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, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the Arthur Kunz Library, H. Lee Dennison Building, Fourth Floor, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. 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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Suffolk County Planning Department  
P.O. Box 6100  
Hauppauge, NY 11788**

**Council of Environmental Quality  
R. Lawrence Swanson, Chairperson**

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## AGENDA

### MEETING NOTIFICATION

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Arthur Kunz Library**  
**H. Lee Dennison Bldg. - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge**

**Call to Order:**

**Minutes - check the web at**

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

**Correspondence:**

**Public Portion:**

**CAC Concerns:**

**Historic Trust Docket:**

**Director's Report:** Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites  
Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

**Project Review:**

**Recommended TYPE II Actions:**

- A. Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table for February 2, 2010.

**Project Review:**

**Recommended Unlisted Actions:**

- A. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Hauppauge Springs – Sacco as Contract Vendee Property, in the Town of Islip.
- B. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Sagaponack Woods County Greenbelt – Bennet, Tilton & Tilton Property in the Town of Southampton.
- C. Rehabilitation of Middle Country Road & Horseblock road intersections at CR83, Patchogue-Mt. Sinai Road, Phase 2, Town of Brookhaven, CP 5548.

**Suffolk County Parks:**

Updates on County Parks

**Other Business:**

**\*\*\*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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Arthur Kunz Library  
H. Lee Dennison Building  
4th Floor  
100 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Hauppauge, New York

February 17, 2010  
9:25 a.m.

S.C. PLANNING DEPT.  
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BEFORE:

R. LAWRENCE SWANSON, Chairperson  
MICHAEL KAUFMAN, Vice Chairperson

REPORTED BY:

STEPHANIE J. VALDER, Court Reporter/Notary Public

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 EVA GROWNEY

6 RICHARD MACHTAY

7 GLORIA G. RUSSO

8 MARY ANN SPENCER

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10 ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

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12 TOM GULBRANSEN

13 DANIEL PICHNEY

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15 HISTORIC SOCIETY MEMBERS:

16 RICHARD MARTIN

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18 ALSO PRESENT:

19 JAMES BAGG, Chief Environmental Analyst

20 LAURETTA FISCHER, Suffolk County Planning

21 NICK GIBBONS, Suffolk County Parks

22 RICHARD GEIGER, Sydney Bowne & Son

23 RUSS MACKEY, Suffolk County Department of

24 Public Works

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S (Continued):

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4 ALSO PRESENT:

5 HONORABLE TOM MURATORE, Suffolk County

6 Legislature

7 HONORABLE VIVIAN VILORIA-FISHER, Suffolk

8 County Legislature

9 TOM YOUNG, Suffolk County Attorney's Office

10 CHRISTINE DeSALVO, CEQ Staff

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2 (WHEREUPON, this proceeding  
3 convened at 9:25 a.m. Off-the-record  
4 discussions ensued, after which the  
5 following transpired:)

6 (Time Noted: 9:28 a.m.)

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We'll call the  
8 February meeting of the Suffolk County  
9 CEQ to order.

10 I don't believe that there are  
11 any new minutes to be approved. The  
12 January minutes are not completed as of  
13 yet.

14 We have correspondence from Enrico  
15 Nardone from Seatuck, inviting us to  
16 the grand opening on Earth Day, to  
17 their ribbon cutting and luncheon. So  
18 we probably -- if we intend to go,  
19 probably ought to let him know.

20 MR. MARTIN: All right. Larry,  
21 just to add that a bit, we've been  
22 discussing the ribbon cutting to be  
23 about 11:00, and I can report on that.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay, yeah.  
25 There is no time.

2 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah,  
3 there's no time.

4 MR. MARTIN: There's no time in  
5 the letter. But as of now, the time  
6 for the ribbon cutting itself is --  
7 we're planning on 11:00. And I can  
8 confirm that to that.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

10 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: And Larry,  
11 excuse me, for people who weren't here  
12 when we had, you know, the Greenways  
13 and the Environmentalist Center --  
14 Center is something we talked about  
15 back in 1998; right? And we -- this is  
16 a big moment I think, and so I really  
17 encourage everybody to be there.

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Thank  
19 you.

20 Jim, is there any other  
21 correspondence you want to call to our  
22 attention?

23 MR. BAGG: No. But I believe in  
24 your packet is something from the  
25 County Exec's Office, and the Suffolk

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1 Council on Environmental Quality 2/17/10 6

2 County Planning Commission regarding a  
3 public meeting, a comprehensive plan  
4 for a Suffolk County update. The are  
5 two hearings scheduled. One's for  
6 February 23, 2010 at 7 p.m., across  
7 the street in the William Rogers  
8 Legislative Building. And the other  
9 one is Thursday, March 11, 2010, at  
10 Suffolk Community College Eastern  
11 Campus.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay, thank  
13 you.

14 CAC concerns, I see we don't have  
15 any CAC members here today.

16 So we'll move onto the Historic  
17 Trust Docket, Director's Report.

18 MR. MARTIN: Morning.

19 I passed out the latest mailing  
20 that was sent to all county employees  
21 showing the vacant houses that we have  
22 at this point, the number of rooms, and  
23 the rental costs. We've already rented  
24 out the last one in Southaven County  
25 Park -- that's in Yaphank. That has

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2 been rented.

3 So this is -- I just wanted to  
4 show you the routine that we're doing  
5 and what people get. And it also  
6 provides the list, so people know the  
7 priority order on how people get  
8 chosen. And then they do respond  
9 to Thea Hewers (phonetic), a County  
10 Parks employee in our Contracts  
11 Division. So she gets all the  
12 applications, all the requests to be  
13 into the program, and then creates a  
14 list from that. And then the Park  
15 staff in each area shows the houses to  
16 the people when they're interested.

17 So we are -- these are the last  
18 group that we reviewed in Committee,  
19 and -- in the Housing Committee. And,  
20 of course, this -- we're trying to rent  
21 all of these.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: A question --  
23 other than living there, what are their  
24 duties?

25 MR. MARTIN: Basically, it's just

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2 eyes and ears in the park for these,  
3 that you see here.

4 We are able to change the rent,  
5 to -- to lower the rent in a sense, if  
6 they're to provide additional duties.  
7 And we have done that before at Coindre  
8 Hall Huntington. You'll see the -- the  
9 rent there.

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

11 MR. MARTIN: That is within the  
12 main building, that apartment. And  
13 this is the current rent without any  
14 additional duties. But we can lower  
15 that, if the Parks Department would --  
16 would like to. And then we would bring  
17 that to the Committee to adjust the  
18 rent.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And then they  
20 have utilities on top of that?

21 MR. MARTIN: Yes -- not all of  
22 them. Every one is different. Most of  
23 these would have utilities on top, when  
24 they're freestanding buildings.

25 The Coindre Hall Huntington one, I

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2 would have to check to see, because  
3 that's within the main building --

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

5 MR. MARTIN: -- if there's a  
6 utility charge on top of that.

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So --  
8 and all these currently have occupants?

9 MR. MARTIN: No, they don't.

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Oh, they don't.

11 MR. MARTIN: That's -- that's why  
12 this letter was just sent out. But we  
13 already did rent the -- the last one in  
14 Yaphank. But we still have to rent the  
15 others.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

17 But you did rent the one out in  
18 Saint James?

19 MR. MARTIN: Yes, the Isaac Mills  
20 House has been rented. That's why it's  
21 not on the list.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay, yeah.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Rich, a  
24 quick question for you.

25 The two West Hills properties, is

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2 one of them the Old Stimson House?

3 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: What is  
5 the other one? I didn't know there was  
6 a second one.

7 MR. MARTIN: If you know that,  
8 where the Stimson House is, if you're  
9 facing that building to the right,  
10 there's a drive. And this goes to an  
11 old caretaker's cottage. Anyway, it's  
12 a large cottage. But it's the  
13 caretaker's cottage from the Stimson  
14 Estate. And that's -- it's right next  
15 to a dog run that we have there.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

17 So it's about 250 yards,  
18 300 yards away from the -- what was  
19 taken from Stimson --

20 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- on the  
22 south --

23 MR. MARTIN: Yes, yes. But it's  
24 within the complex of buildings that we  
25 have at that area.

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And  
3 Stimson was -- the insulation system or  
4 improvements to Stimson, as I remember  
5 were, there was something going on with  
6 that a couple of years ago. There were  
7 improvements. The place was very, very  
8 drafty.

9 MR. MARTIN: Right. We have done  
10 some improvements. I don't know if  
11 we've done complete insulation. I'd  
12 have to check with maintenance on that  
13 for you.

14 But that was an issue -- you're  
15 right -- with renting that house,  
16 because of the high heating.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah, they  
18 were going through a tank --

19 MR. MARTIN: Right.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- of oil  
21 every two weeks.

22 MR. MARTIN: And I'd have to check  
23 with maintenance if they -- if they  
24 upgraded the furnace possibly, or also  
25 put in insulation.

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Thank you.

3 MS. GROWNEY: With additional  
4 duties, are things provided for them,  
5 like with automobiles or anything like  
6 that?

7 MR. MARTIN: No, no --

8 MS. GROWNEY: You know, any other  
9 kind of --

10 MR. MARTIN: -- we've never done  
11 that.

12 Like I said, these, the priority  
13 is a -- a county employee, but let's  
14 say -- Coindre Hall is a good example,  
15 where we have reduced the rent for  
16 additional duties.

17 We have a lot of catering events  
18 there, and things, they've even locked  
19 the gate on a regular base, and  
20 patrolled the building, to make sure  
21 everything's been cleaned up properly,  
22 even.

23 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

24 MR. MARTIN: You know, that's been  
25 added to their duties.

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2 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

3 MR. MARTIN: And to watch for any  
4 vandalism on site.

5 MS. GROWNEY: All right.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Legislator  
7 Vilorina-Fisher.

8 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: All right.  
9 Richard, in West Hills, is -- isn't  
10 that the family that had been there for  
11 a long time, that wrote us the letter?

12 MR. MARTIN: That's the  
13 Oakley House. That's not on the list.

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, okay.

15 MR. MARTIN: That's --

16 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: All right.

17 MR. MARTIN: -- over on  
18 Sweet Hollow Road. I think on Sweet  
19 Hollow Road.

20 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I didn't  
21 realize that there were that many  
22 houses at West Hills.

23 MR. MARTIN: Yes. There's three  
24 houses in --

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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2 MR. MARTIN: -- West Hills, three  
3 individual houses.

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any other  
5 questions?

6 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
7 response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

9 MR. MARTIN: Okay. Then  
10 otherwise, I don't have anything to  
11 report on the Custodial Agreements.

12 But I would like to just tell you  
13 where we're at on two of our large  
14 restoration projects.

15 The Blydenburgh Mill, the -- the  
16 project has been awarded to a WGB  
17 Contracting, Inc. out of Bay Shore.  
18 And that job will be starting in about  
19 two months. And that's to restore the  
20 timber framing and the stone piers that  
21 sit, actually, in the creek bed there.  
22 And so that will secure the building.  
23 And then, we will do some additional  
24 restoration work, and then go into the  
25 phase two of installing the millworks.

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2 But this will safeguard the building  
3 for -- for many years to come.

4 And the Coindre Hill Boat House  
5 job that's now -- out to bid now. So  
6 the contractors, I think there's been  
7 at least ten respondents are picking up  
8 the plans and the specs for that job.  
9 And that -- in about a month, that will  
10 be awarded.

11 And those are two large jobs that  
12 we were working on last year.

13 Yes.

14 MS. GROWNEY: Richard, I'm  
15 just curious as to when you think the  
16 Hubbard --

17 MR. MARTIN: Uh-huh.

18 MS. GROWNEY: -- will be going out  
19 to bid?

20 MR. MARTIN: It's not going out --  
21 like the work we're doing on --

22 MS. GROWNEY: Yes.

23 MR. MARTIN: -- the main building  
24 there --

25 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

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2 MR. MARTIN: -- we're doing with  
3 the County contractors --

4 MS. GROWNEY: Oh.

5 MR. MARTIN: -- that have the  
6 annual --

7 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

8 MR. MARTIN: -- contract with the  
9 County --

10 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

11 MR. MARTIN: -- both the roofing  
12 company and then the general  
13 contractor.

14 So as far as I know, most of that  
15 work will be done with those contracts.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Okay. So that's  
17 already underway.

18 I know you did Black Duck Lodge.  
19 But the Smithers Building, I think you  
20 had slated for the next --

21 MR. MARTIN: Yes. And we have  
22 proposals in from those --

23 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

24 MR. MARTIN: -- companies, so we  
25 would be looking to do that shortly.

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2 MS. GROWNEY: Oh, okay.

3 MR. MARTIN: And that's just for  
4 the main building, for the Lodge there.

5 MS. GROWNEY: Right -- right.

6 MR. MARTIN: And there's an  
7 additional part to the project that  
8 Nick explained to you, with the study,  
9 and the trail signs, and things like  
10 that.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

12 Are they going to do interior work  
13 on the -- on the main building -- I  
14 mean like new bathroom and stuff like  
15 that?

16 MR. MARTIN: We'll see how the  
17 funds go, but that is --

18 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

19 MR. MARTIN: -- part of the  
20 planning, yes.

21 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

22 MR. MARTIN: And some of this can  
23 be actually --

24 MS. GROWNEY: Because we could  
25 really use it.

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2 MR. MARTIN: Yes. And some of it  
3 can be done in-house also.

4 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

5 MR. MARTIN: And just charge the  
6 materials --

7 MS. GROWNEY: That's great.

8 MR. MARTIN: -- to the grant.

9 MS. GROWNEY: That's great. Go  
10 ahead.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Legislator  
12 Viloría-Fisher.

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Are all of  
14 these projects part of the Capital  
15 Program?

16 MR. MARTIN: Yes. The two that I  
17 just mentioned are Capital.

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

19 MR. MARTIN: The Smithers Property  
20 is a State Grant.

21 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. Thank  
22 you.

23 And matching?

24 MR. MARTIN: No, I don't think  
25 there's any matching.

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2 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: It's a  
3 hundred percent grant?

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yes, it's  
5 a hundred percent grant.

6 MR. MARTIN: A hundred percent.

7 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, okay.  
8 Good.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Is that  
10 it for the comments?

11 MR. MARTIN: That's it.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you.

13 Jim, any comments on ratification  
14 or recommendations for legislative  
15 resolutions?

16 MR. BAGG: No. I think the packet is  
17 rather straight forward. They're  
18 either Type II actions, or they've been  
19 reviewed before.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: May I ask  
21 you a question?

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: First off,  
24 I'll point out 1166, 67, and 68 are  
25 reappointments for the three members

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2 mentioned, Gulbransen, Pichney and  
3 Russo, whose terms expire in March. So  
4 it's good to see that the process is  
5 moving forward.

6 The second thing is, Jim, on 1062,  
7 I'm simply curious, it's establishing  
8 or possibly barring the release of home  
9 addresses of law enforcement personnel.  
10 The State has a law on the books in  
11 this particular situation.

12 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: What number,  
13 1162?

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: It's --  
15 it's -- I'm not saying it's  
16 duplicative. But there may be other  
17 reasons to have it for Suffolk County  
18 Law. But I was just curious if there's  
19 any penalties or anything like that,  
20 because I've not seen the legislation  
21 on --

22 MR. BAGG: I don't know. I would  
23 have to look it up, Michael. But  
24 that's basically an administrative  
25 function, that the County feels it

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2 should pass such a law. That's up to  
3 the Legislature.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No, it's  
5 a -- it's a good law. I had some  
6 encounters with it at State Level and I  
7 was just curious.

8 MR. BAGG: Okay.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I'll  
10 make a motion to accept staff  
11 recommendations.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a  
13 motion. Can we have a second?

14 MS. RUSSO: I second.

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any further  
16 discussion?

17 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
18 response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

20 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

22 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
23 response.)

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Abstentions?

25 (WHEREUPON, there was no

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2 response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. The  
4 motion passes.

5 Recommended Unlisted Actions,  
6 Proposed Acquisition for Open Space  
7 Preservation.

8 Laretta, welcome.

9 MS. FISCHER: Good morning.

10 I have two proposed acquisitions  
11 before you this morning. The first one  
12 is in Hauppauge Springs.

13 MS. DeSALVO: Could you just state  
14 your name for the record?

15 MS. FISCHER: Oh, I'm  
16 Laretta Fischer, Principal  
17 Environmental Analyst, Planning  
18 Department.

19 The first one is Hauppauge  
20 Springs. The second property, this is  
21 a 7.16-acre parcel just south of -- of  
22 Veterans Memorial Highway. We're going  
23 to be taking part of the property.  
24 We're omitting approximately two acres  
25 of the property in the solid red area,

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2 leaving us 7.16 acres for acquisition.

3 This (indicating) area abuts a  
4 fresh water pond, just to the west of  
5 the property, the northwest property  
6 there. And it contains some fresh  
7 water wetland and buffer area, as well  
8 as some upland grassland area and  
9 woodland area.

10 So we're acquiring this under the  
11 Old Drinking Water Protection Program  
12 125E1A.

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Laretta?

15 MS. FISCHER: Yes.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I don't  
17 know if you've come across this on this  
18 particular property, but this is an  
19 extremely interesting invaluable  
20 property. I know the County has had  
21 its eyes on it for a number of years.  
22 There was an Regional Plan Association  
23 study of the Nissequogue River  
24 Corridor, which recommended a -- a  
25 purchase of this property, when and if

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2 it became available. This is with some  
3 of the headwaters of the Nissequogue  
4 River. There's actually a remnant  
5 brook trout population in here, believe  
6 it or not. I found that out about two  
7 years ago.

8 And even though it's a relatively  
9 small parcel according to the RPA study  
10 of which I was a part, it seems to be  
11 one of the most critical purchases that  
12 we could make along this particular  
13 watershed.

14 I'm giving you -- telling you  
15 about this because, again, I have some  
16 independent information on this. And  
17 in your presentations to the  
18 Legislature, you might want to add  
19 this in.

20 It is a very, very high priority  
21 list, as far as I'm concerned. I also  
22 know that it's on the list --

23 MS. FISCHER: This, actually, it  
24 started as a high priority for the  
25 County in 2001.

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah, I  
3 know. It's some --

4 MS. FISCHER: So we have had this  
5 on our radar for quite some time. And  
6 these --

7 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And we're  
8 very happy to see it.

9 MS. FISCHER: -- are, you know,  
10 headwaters to the Nissequogue River,  
11 and part of the, you know, properties  
12 that we've identified along 347, that  
13 actually are part of the watershed,  
14 that flow into -- directly into the  
15 Nissequogue River -- so into  
16 Blydenburgh Park, into the lake there,  
17 and then as it flows north to the Long  
18 Island Sound.

19 So we -- we have been diligent in  
20 trying to acquire these pieces,  
21 although they are small, but they are  
22 important, extremely important to this  
23 watershed.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: The parcel  
25 to the west also has some of the same

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2 interests in it as well.

3 MS. FISCHER: Yes. And those are  
4 on our master list and we're continuing  
5 to move forward on those acquisitions  
6 as well.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And again,  
8 I'm very glad to see it on the list  
9 over here. Hopefully, the purchase  
10 will go there through.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. You have  
12 any questions?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion  
14 unlisted neg dec.

15 MS. GROWNEY: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I have a second  
17 by Eva.

18 Any other comments?

19 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
20 response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

22 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

24 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
25 response.)

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2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

3 MS. FISCHER: Thank you.

4 The next one before you is a  
5 property in the Sagaponack Woods area  
6 in the Town of Southampton, near to the  
7 boundary to the towns of Southampton  
8 and East Hampton. This is an  
9 11.81-acre parcel. Actually it's a --  
10 a couple parcels put together to  
11 compose 11.81 acres -- one, two,  
12 three -- four parcels all together.

13 These parcels were part of the  
14 South Fork SGPA. And if you look at  
15 the larger map, if you have the second  
16 map showing the various acquisitions  
17 and parcels that we've been trying to  
18 acquire in this area, you can -- you  
19 can tell that we've been successful in  
20 trying to pick pieces to connect the  
21 dots, to make this acquisition in  
22 this -- this area protected.

23 This is going to be hopefully  
24 acquired under the new Drinking Water  
25 Protection Program, for protection

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2 within our special groundwater  
3 protection area.

4 Vivian, yes.

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Laretta,  
6 just so when you come to the Committee,  
7 I'm clear on the map --

8 MS. FISCHER: Uh-huh.

9 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- the two  
10 Suffolk County properties that look  
11 like two little streams of property,  
12 what --

13 MS. FISCHER: That's part of a  
14 trail area. The -- actually the County  
15 owns to the north and to the south of  
16 that, the trail actually. Only because  
17 of the way the map is done -- the trail  
18 actually is owned by the Trustees of  
19 the Town of Southampton. And --

20 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

21 MS. FISCHER: -- we own both -- on  
22 both sides of the trail.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, okay.

24 MS. FISCHER: Okay.

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, yeah, we

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2 did this last year. Was this the one  
3 that --

4 MS. FISCHER: No.

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- Jay had  
6 introduced -- that we were buying the  
7 property, so that there would be that  
8 trail, that Southampton Trail?

9 MS. FISCHER: No. That was  
10 another one. That was I think -- let  
11 me see if I can --

12 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I thought it  
13 was around here (indicating), but --

14 MS. FISCHER: It is around here  
15 (indicating) definitely.

16 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

17 MS. FISCHER: But I -- I -- I'd  
18 have to go back and I can --

19 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: But what  
20 these (indicating) are showing is that  
21 we show what's on the outside of those  
22 two green lines (indicating), not on  
23 the inside of the two green lines  
24 (indicating)?

25 MS. FISCHER: Yes.

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2 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

3 MS. FISCHER: It's hard, because  
4 we have to put one color on the line.

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

6 MS. FISCHER: So depending on how  
7 we layer the -- the --

8 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

9 MS. FISCHER: -- the boundaries in  
10 this case, we have the top layer being  
11 red, and then green, and then the  
12 others. So --

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: But between  
14 those (indicating) two green lines --

15 MS. FISCHER: Between those  
16 (indicating) two --

17 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- would be  
18 a purple --

19 MS. FISCHER: Yes.

20 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- because  
21 it's Southampton Trail.

22 MS. FISCHER: Yes.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

24 MS. FISCHER: Well actually it's  
25 not in the Town of Southampton. It's a

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2 special separate category --

3 (Laughter.)

4 MS. FISCHER: -- of the Trustees.

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, wow.

6 MS. FISCHER: And the Trustees do  
7 own a number of trails and -- as  
8 separate parcels within this  
9 (indicating) area. But it is Trustee's  
10 versus Town Parkland.

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. Just  
12 so you can talk us through this at --

13 MS. FISCHER: Yes --

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- the  
15 Committee, okay, because I --

16 MS. FISCHER: -- yeah, sure. I'll  
17 do that.

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- I want  
19 the map to be real clear.

20 MS. FISCHER: Okay, no problem.

21 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. So  
22 we own all that property then  
23 (indicating) then, around this  
24 (indicating) property.

25 So what we're doing is we're

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2 filling in, so it's --

3 MS. FISCHER: Yeah.

4 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: --

5 contiguous.

6 I mean there's Town property to

7 the --

8 MS. FISCHER: To the east.

9 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- to the  
10 east.

11 MS. FISCHER: Then there's one lot  
12 that's not acquired yet, immediately to  
13 the east of these (indicating), in the  
14 hatched area.

15 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

16 MS. FISCHER: There's one that we  
17 don't own yet. The next --

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: The next  
19 page shows it better?

20 MS. FISCHER: Yeah.

21 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Thanks,  
22 Nick.

23 MS. FISCHER: If -- if that, yeah,  
24 it's --

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, yeah.

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2 MS. FISCHER: -- it might be  
3 harder.

4 (Laughter.)

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: It looks  
6 like this (indicating) a kid got a hold  
7 of a box of --

8 MS. FISCHER: Yeah.

9 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- crayons.

10 MS. FISCHER: Box of crayons.

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- yeah, a  
12 box of crayons on this one.

13 MS. FISCHER: You see how we're  
14 trying to put the pieces together.

15 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

16 MS. FISCHER: Sometimes when we  
17 make these maps, it's --

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: So this  
19 really shows how you're trying to  
20 complete it.

21 HON. MURATORE: Yeah. That's the  
22 piece in question.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

24 Thanks, Laretta.

25 MS. FISCHER: You're welcome.

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2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any other  
3 questions?

4 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
5 response.)

6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion?  
7 Motion unlisted neg dec.

8 MS. GROWNEY: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second by Eva.  
10 Any further comments?

11 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
12 response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

14 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

16 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
17 response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

19 MS. FISCHER: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Let me take  
21 this opportunity to introduce  
22 Legislator Muratore. Is that correct?

23 HON. MURATORE: Yes, sir.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you for

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2 coming.

3 And I don't know you either.

4 MR. YOUNG: Hi, I'm Tom Young,  
5 from the County Attorney's Office.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Uh-oh.

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We're in  
8 trouble.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MS. GROWNEY: No, only you Richard  
11 [sic].

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Huh?

13 MS. GROWNEY: I meant Michael.  
14 I'm sorry, Michael.

15 (Laughter.)

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: No. Are you  
17 here for any particular reason?

18 (Laughter.)

19 MR. YOUNG: No. Just to observe  
20 and anything that we can do.

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, thank you  
22 very much.

23 MR. YOUNG: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Sometimes we  
25 get ourselves in trouble.

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2 (Laughter.)

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We -- we follow  
4 our attorney's advice here and he --  
5 and he gets us in trouble continuously.

6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. YOUNG: It's a --

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, we've  
9 never been arrested yet.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And that's  
11 a good thing.

12 (Laughter.)

13 MR. YOUNG: And he'll have **you out of**  
14 jail by Christmas, I'm sure.

15 (Laughter.)

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

17 (Laughter.)

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, welcome.

19 MR. BAGG: Okay. Are you going to  
20 be attending the CEQ meetings on a  
21 regular basis?

22 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right,  
24 moving right along.

25 Rehabilitation of Middle Country

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2 Road and Horseblock Road, intersections  
3 of County Road 83.

4 Morning Russ.

5 MR. GEIGER: Good morning.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Introduce  
7 yourself for your -- for our  
8 Stenographer.

9 MR. GEIGER: My name is  
10 Rich Geiger.

11 I'm with Sidney Bowne's Office.  
12 We're consultants for the Suffolk  
13 County DPW.

14 MR. MACKEY: Richard, here  
15 (indicating) is, like I said, the  
16 consultant for the County working on  
17 this project. Obviously, this project  
18 is two separate intersections that  
19 we're going to be widening. And once  
20 Rich gets the display ready, he'll  
21 explain further.

22 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Tom, why  
23 don't you come around this way?

24 HON. MURATORE: Thanks, Vivian.

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: You're

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2 reading my mind.

3 MR. GEIGER: We are -- the project  
4 is the improvement of two intersections  
5 on CR83, Patchogue-Mount Sinai Road.  
6 This (indicating) is CR16, the  
7 Horseblock Road intersection, north,  
8 up. What they're trying to do here  
9 (indicating) is make some widenings  
10 [sic] to improve the lane -- the lane,  
11 the configuration and the flow through  
12 the intersection.

13 The ultimate goal of this project  
14 is to have two-way left turn lanes in  
15 all four directions. They also want to  
16 have three through lanes in the  
17 north/south direction, and two through  
18 lanes in the east/west direction. And  
19 also each intersection will have a  
20 designated right turn lane.

21 So as a result of the -- the  
22 widening that is necessary, in yellow  
23 marked here (indicating), are the  
24 acquisitions that would be required,  
25 based on the configuration they want.

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2 The -- the limit of the  
3 acquisition would be to approximately  
4 ten feet behind the proposed curb line.  
5 So acquisitions are actually not that  
6 significant, if you look at the -- the  
7 package that was handed out. I think  
8 the total acquisitions between the two  
9 intersections comes out to about --  
10 it's less than one acre, total.

11 Let me just get the other one.  
12 This (indicating) is the -- this  
13 (indicating) is the Middle Country Road  
14 intersection, north, up. And I  
15 apologize for cutting off some of the  
16 southern boundary. The -- the  
17 map -- it does show it on your -- on  
18 your packages.

19 But basically what they're doing,  
20 the -- the acquisition here is from  
21 a -- a southbound to westbound turn --  
22 right turn lane, that they --- we --  
23 they want to have. And your  
24 acquisition is, again, the area marked  
25 in yellow (indicating).

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2 What they're also going to do is  
3 in the northbound to eastbound  
4 direction, create a specific -- a new  
5 right turn to -- northbound to  
6 eastbound lane. However, that will not  
7 require an -- an acquisition.

8 What they have right now is, they  
9 have two lanes and a shared straight  
10 right lane. And what they want to do  
11 is make that three through lanes and  
12 create a new right-turn-only lane.

13 But as I said, that will not  
14 require an acquisition. So in this  
15 (indicating) intersection, this  
16 (indicating) is the sole acquisition in  
17 the southbound to westbound turning  
18 direction.

19 As far as engineering changes that  
20 have to be made, the widening will --  
21 will necessitate some new drainage  
22 structures, to pick up the flow in the  
23 new gutter lines. The existing  
24 structures will be converted from a  
25 catch basin to a -- a flat manhole with

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2 an -- with an open grate. And we will  
3 be able to pick up the structure with a  
4 connecting pipe. And really, the  
5 additional drainage is -- is negligible  
6 really.

7 Some of this (indicating) area  
8 probably contributes to the road area  
9 now. So basically, we're just  
10 increasing the coefficient of runoff.  
11 But we do want to add new structures to  
12 make sure that we pick up everything in  
13 the flow line.

14 That's pretty much it in a  
15 nutshell.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: How many total  
17 lanes, now, do you have?

18 MR. GEIGER: This (indicating)  
19 at -- at Middle Country Road right now,  
20 the only -- again, there are now two --  
21 let's see, there's two southbound  
22 lanes, there is two left-turn lanes,  
23 south to eastbound.

24 What we're adding is basically  
25 a -- a sole -- I'm sorry, we're going

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2 to have three -- three lanes in the  
3 southbound direction. And the -- and  
4 the addition would be a sole right --  
5 right-turn, southbound to westbound  
6 movement; okay?

7 MR. MACKEY: I believe right now  
8 that the -- that the current right lane  
9 is a shared through and right-turn  
10 lane.

11 MR. GEIGER: It is a shared lane,  
12 southbound and right turn.

13 MR. MACKEY: So now it just  
14 basically means making it a designated  
15 right-turn lane.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So are -- are  
17 there crosswalks?

18 MR. MACKEY: Yeah, there are  
19 crosswalks.

20 MR. GEIGER: Yes, there are  
21 current crosswalks. They're shown  
22 there (indicating).

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Any  
24 questions?

25 Yes, Rich.

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2 MR. MACHTAY: Does this rise to  
3 any standard in SEQRA for additional  
4 travel lanes?

5 MR. BAGG: Well, it -- it makes it  
6 an unlisted action I would believe.

7 MR. MACHTAY: And also the  
8 acquisition of property?

9 MR. BAGG: Yeah. So it -- it has  
10 to be at least an unlisted action. It  
11 cannot be a Type Two.

12 MR. MACHTAY: Are there any  
13 wetlands adjacent to or within --

14 MR. GEIGER: No. There is --  
15 there is one area -- I believe it's in  
16 this (indicating) corner -- which is  
17 part of the special groundwater  
18 control, that was noted on the E.A.F..

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

20 MS. GROWNEY: Any -- any historic?

21 MR. GEIGER: I've -- I've sent  
22 letters to the Heritage and to the  
23 Historic Societies. I -- I have an  
24 initial response and what they asked me  
25 to send back more pictures -- more

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2 defined pictures of the area, which I  
3 will do. And when we receive the final  
4 note, you know, the declaration from  
5 them, I'll -- I'll copy the CEQ.

6 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

7 Just because I'm unfamiliar with  
8 the area, may I ask one more question,  
9 too? Is this -- is this -- I'm  
10 assuming it's a bus route on here;  
11 is -- is it not?

12 MR. GEIGER: I don't know  
13 specifically that there is. I guess  
14 bus -- buses travel through the  
15 intersection. I don't know where  
16 the pick ups are.

17 MS. GROWNEY: That was my next  
18 question.

19 MR. GEIGER: Yeah.

20 MR. MACKEY: Yeah. No, there  
21 isn't a bus. To my knowledge, there  
22 isn't a bus stop within the vicinity of  
23 the --

24 MS. GROWNEY: Okay. So there's no  
25 pickups that are necessary in that

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1 Council on Environmental Quality 2/17/10 45  
2 area?  
3 MR. MACKEY: No, not to my  
4 knowledge.  
5 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.  
6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I'm  
7 familiar with both intersections. And  
8 there's nothing residential --  
9 MR. GEIGER: No.  
10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- in --  
11 in direct proximity. And it's very,  
12 very heavily paved. You can see it  
13 from the aerial photographs.  
14 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.  
15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: This is  
16 all commercial development and things  
17 like that. And I mean that's obviously  
18 the impetus for the project. But  
19 there's nothing -- historic, there's no  
20 buildings left. Anything that was  
21 there is long gone.  
22 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.  
23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: So this  
24 used to be farmland a long time ago.  
25 This whole --

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2 MS. GROWNEY: Or -- or  
3 archeologically, this --

4 MR. MACHTAY: So unlisted neg dec  
5 would be appropriate. I make that  
6 motion.

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a  
8 motion as unlisted neg dec. We have a  
9 second --

10 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm sorry, I  
11 just had one more question --

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Go ahead.

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- about the  
14 pedestrian crossing.

15 MR. GEIGER: Yes.

16 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: When you  
17 have a designated right-hand turn lane  
18 and you have a pedestrian crossing,  
19 what happens with that right lane, that  
20 has a right turn on red, is there a  
21 signal that stops those cars or not?

22 MR. GEIGER: Well, we will  
23 providing new signal -- signal heads  
24 for the changes.

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: So if

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2 someone were to press the button, that  
3 would stop all the cars or --

4 MR. MACKEY: Well, the way they  
5 work, they don't have a designated  
6 arrow for a, you know, a right turn.

7 I'm not a traffic engineer. But  
8 usually what happens, when you push the  
9 pedestrian button, it gives you a head  
10 clearance, which means that, you know,  
11 it gives you extended time to cross the  
12 street. So that's --

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

14 MR. MACKEY: -- incorporated into  
15 the --

16 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm just  
17 curious about that designated  
18 right-hand turn lane that would have  
19 right turn on red, and what would  
20 happen with the pedestrians crossing  
21 that very, very wide road.

22 MR. GEIGER: No. There wouldn't  
23 be a right turn on red for the reason  
24 that --

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: There won't

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2 be a right turn --

3 MR. GEIGER: No --

4 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- on red?

5 MR. GEIGER: -- no.

6 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. That  
7 was my question then.

8 MR. MACKEY: Usually what happens  
9 is -- I think what you might be  
10 thinking of is there's a -- when you  
11 say the right-turn lane, there might be  
12 an island associated because --

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: No -- no.  
14 I'm asking, for example, what I -- I  
15 don't live too far from the Long Island  
16 museums, okay. And there's a  
17 right-turn arrow. There's no turn on  
18 red, because there's a pedestrian  
19 crossing there. So all cars have to  
20 stop, when a pedestrian presses the  
21 button.

22 MR. MACKEY: That's usually what,  
23 to my knowledge -- and I'm not a  
24 traffic engineer. As far as --

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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2 MR. MACKEY: -- I know, that  
3 usually is what happens. When you push  
4 the button to cross -- they're going to  
5 have a separate arrow for a right turn,  
6 okay, so --

7 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: But they  
8 would get a red light?

9 MR. MACKEY: They would get a red  
10 light, just like anybody else that  
11 approaches from that same direction.

12 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: So there's  
13 no turn on red. I'm -- I'm just  
14 concerned about pedestrian deaths --

15 MR. MACKEY: It's not going to --

16 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- we've had  
17 too many --

18 MR. MACKEY: -- it's probably not  
19 going to be signed no turn on red, just  
20 like every other corner in Suffolk  
21 County is to my knowledge. There's  
22 not -- there's very few of them are  
23 signed --

24 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

25 MR. MACKEY: -- no -- no turn on

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2 red.

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: So there  
4 will be a turn on red. That's what I'm  
5 concerned about.

6 MR. GEIGER: No -- no. I -- I  
7 think there may be a no turn on red,  
8 because, don't forget, we have two left  
9 turn lanes in this (indicating) area.  
10 So they may have the green arrow, so we  
11 would have to stop -- there probably  
12 will be a sign --

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. I  
14 just wanted -- I wanted it to be out  
15 there, because we -- we see an uptick  
16 in pedestrian deaths.

17 And with such a large intersection,  
18 we're talking about eight lanes  
19 eventually, if that's -- that's a  
20 tremendous length to cross, if there  
21 are crosswalks there. And if there are  
22 pedestrians crossing there -- and I  
23 don't know the intersection that well,  
24 I've only -- I only drive past it.

25 But if there are people crossing

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2 there, it's a dangerous cross, going  
3 across eight lanes. And if you have a  
4 designated right-hand turn lane, I  
5 think the traffic engineers really need  
6 to look at that.

7 MR. GEIGER: Don't forget one  
8 thing. There's seven lanes right now.

9 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

10 MR. GEIGER: We're only adding one  
11 lane.

12 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: But -- but,  
13 well, it's eight lanes.

14 MR. MACKEY: And also --

15 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

16 MR. MACKEY: -- also, just so that  
17 you know, the way they calculate the  
18 crossing time is, I think it's that  
19 there's a certain feet per second. So  
20 you have to --

21 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

22 MR. MACKEY: -- measure your  
23 pavement width --

24 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

25 MR. MACKEY: -- so the timings

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2 would change, as far as pedestrian --

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

4 MR. MACKEY: -- crossing. It's  
5 not like you keep the same timing and  
6 you add lanes. The way it's calculated  
7 is you calculate the distance to cross.  
8 And there's a standard -- I don't want  
9 to say exactly what it is, because I  
10 don't know off the top of my head.

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

12 MR. MACKEY: But you calculate  
13 that, and that's what your crossing  
14 time would be.

15 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

16 MR. MACKEY: But again, I'll --  
17 our cross -- our traffic engineers --

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Thank you.  
19 I appreciate that.

20 MR. MACKEY: -- would look at  
21 this. They look at all this stuff --

22 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

23 MR. MACKEY: -- and there's  
24 conceptual plans for that.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

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2 I'll second the motion, but I  
3 would like to add something to it,  
4 to account for the Legislator's  
5 concerns -- that it would be cast  
6 as a recommendation, simply that  
7 the Department should look at the  
8 pedestrian access issues, and try to  
9 safeguard the -- the pedestrians, to  
10 the extent that any of them exist in  
11 the area.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: With regard to  
13 the -- with regard to the crossing  
14 situation also, it -- it seems to me  
15 that the time for the crossing at most  
16 intersections is designed for a  
17 sprinter.

18 (Laughter.)

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And -- and  
20 I know that -- that there are  
21 calculations to do it. But I think in  
22 many cases, it assumes that you're  
23 twenty years old, and not sixty years  
24 old.

25 And I've noticed more and more in

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2 some Metropolitan areas, that the  
3 crosswalks actually give you the number  
4 of seconds that you have left, to get  
5 across the street. And, you know, that  
6 would be very helpful with a crossing,  
7 that is so extensive that -- like we  
8 have here, so that people can make a  
9 value judgment of whether they want to  
10 attempt do something in ten seconds, as  
11 opposed to thirty seconds.

12 And actually, I guess more and  
13 more, I would suggest that you ought to  
14 look into signals that do indicate to a  
15 pedestrian, how much time they do have  
16 to get across.

17 MR. MACKEY: Currently, they  
18 install those at -- obviously, those  
19 they add more of an expense --

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.

21 MR. MACKEY: -- since they add  
22 those right now at high-pedestrian  
23 locations --

24 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

25 MR. MACKEY: -- to my knowledge.

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2 And that's a traffic engineering type  
3 thing. But in speaking with the  
4 Department, that's where they're  
5 installing those right now is at the  
6 high-pedestrian locations.

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: But when you  
8 have eight to ten lanes, and there's no  
9 island for somebody to --

10 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- to --

12 MS. GROWNEY: Catch their breath.

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- find  
14 respite, if they're caught in the  
15 middle, it seems to me we're really  
16 setting ourselves up for an -- an  
17 accident, yeah.

18 So it's just a suggestion.

19 Okay. So we have a motion and  
20 second.

21 Anymore comments?

22 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
23 response.)

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

25 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

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2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

3 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
4 response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: The motion  
6 carries.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. GEIGER: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Update on  
10 County Parks.

11 Good morning.

12 MR. GIBBONS: Good morning. I  
13 want to personally give: this to Rich.  
14 He waited two months for this.

15 (Laughter.)

16 MR. GIBBONS: You can take one and  
17 pass it around (handing).

18 MR. MACHTAY: (Receiving.) I'm  
19 waiting with baited breath here.

20 (Laughter.)

21 MR. GIBBONS: So, I -- I'm  
22 Nick Gibbons, Suffolk County Parks.

23 I passed out a number of things.  
24 We'll talk about each of them at one  
25 point or another.

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2 Obviously, we talked a little bit  
3 last time about what you guys were  
4 looking for in an update. So this is  
5 going to evolve as you see fit,  
6 particularly you, Larry, if you have  
7 any insight about what you might want  
8 to see in a future presentation.

9 But I will go through what we have  
10 for today. If you guys would just let  
11 me know if that seems to be adequate,  
12 more information, less information,  
13 than what you were looking for.

14 I chose Blydenburgh, after  
15 speaking to Mike and with some thoughts  
16 on my own, particularly since it's  
17 literally across from the street from  
18 us here. It's often ignored and  
19 overlooked -- not necessarily by the  
20 membership here, but by the general  
21 public at large, but -- which is  
22 unfortunate.

23 Blydenburgh is one of our original  
24 five or six major parks. It's roughly  
25 600 acres in size.

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2 Everybody seems to gravitate  
3 towards the -- the aerial. So as a  
4 point of orientation, this -- this  
5 (indicating) aerial photo is from the  
6 last two to three years I'd say. It's  
7 orientated north/south.

8 Obviously, the signature feature  
9 of the property is this (indicating)  
10 200-acre impoundment, which is  
11 Stump Pond or Blydenburgh Lake. It  
12 was formed when the Nissequogue was  
13 dammed, in approximately 1798.

14 I'll get into a little bit more  
15 about the historical features of the  
16 Park. You can see it's an assemblage  
17 of -- I don't know, maybe six or seven  
18 parcels. The vast majority of the  
19 acreage was taken from the Weld family  
20 by condemnation. And then there were a  
21 couple of other parcels, roughly 40  
22 acres of the 600 acres were taken by  
23 direct purchase. The -- you'll see on  
24 the outline here (indicating), it talks  
25 about the year of the condemnation, and

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2 what the County ultimately wound up  
3 paying the Weld family for that  
4 property.

5 Obviously, a condemnation is  
6 decided in Court. That was the way  
7 parks, for the most part, initially  
8 started out. We don't -- I can't say  
9 we never do that anymore, but it's  
10 extremely rare, and certainly at this  
11 scale for sure.

12 So the -- the 2.3 million is of, I  
13 would say 560 acres or so of the 600  
14 acres, was from the Weld family. As I  
15 said, Stump Pond is 200 acres in size.

16 A little bit about the Park  
17 itself, what goes on there, we have a  
18 campground there. It's -- it's  
19 moderately formal. It does not have  
20 hookup amenities, as is the popular  
21 trend today. We don't have any  
22 sanitary hookup, electrical hookup,  
23 which means, unfortunately, that for  
24 people who are camper -- camping, it's  
25 generators, and we have specific hours

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2 when those can or can't run.

3 Combined with tent camping, the  
4 campground is approximately 50 sites.  
5 Then we have a group area that can be  
6 for camping clubs or Cub Scout groups,  
7 that's about 15 units for the entire  
8 group area. You reserve that entire  
9 thing, as one group.

10 And then we have a primitive  
11 camping area for Boy Scouts and  
12 youth-group camping, that's a moderate  
13 backpacking experience. You park at a  
14 parking area, which we have down to the  
15 south in the parking. You hike into  
16 the site. The primitive camping is  
17 just cleared areas, small areas within  
18 a wooded area of the park. Then  
19 there's a formal bathroom facility,  
20 that the -- the youth groups can walk  
21 to for use.

22 So the campground is open May  
23 through mid-October, seven days a week.  
24 That's our busy season. And then our  
25 shoulder seasons are mid-October

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1 Council on Environmental Quality 2/17/10 61  
2 through April, Thursday through  
3 Saturday.

4 The -- the water is on year round,  
5 but within the campground, you have to  
6 be self-contained in the wintertime --  
7 meaning you have your own bathroom  
8 facilities within your camper. And  
9 then we have a sanitary dump facility  
10 at the exit to the Park.

11 Those seasons change every year,  
12 based on a number of different  
13 things -- not the least of which are  
14 seasonal budgets. The people that run  
15 these parks are by and large seasonal  
16 employees. And a couple of things are  
17 at play there -- whether or not we have  
18 enough money for seasonals [sic] in any  
19 given year and, or the availability of  
20 the people who can actually run these  
21 places for us. They -- they become  
22 harder and harder to find each year.

23 We have two playgrounds, one on  
24 the north side and one on the south  
25 side. The north side has its own

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2 separate entrance. It's off of  
3 Brookside, in Hauppauge, and then  
4 through a residential neighborhood.  
5 It's somewhat convoluted to get to.  
6 But up in our north side is where we  
7 have our Historic District. But again,  
8 we have a -- a playground there, a  
9 bathroom facility, and some other  
10 infrastructure. The playground on the  
11 south side is in our -- in our picnic  
12 area.

13 We have a dog run. That is a  
14 project that came before this body.  
15 It's extremely popular. I never could  
16 have predicted the popularity of  
17 this facility. It made use of a  
18 previously cleared area. It -- it is  
19 approximately two and-a-half acres in  
20 size.

21 Anybody who's been there on any  
22 given day, understands how well  
23 received this project was by the  
24 public. The -- it's probably the best  
25 combination of a number of different

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2 factors which we don't have anywhere  
3 else within Parks -- meaning that dog  
4 run incorporates both a wooded area and  
5 an open field area, which is what the  
6 constituency had requested. We don't  
7 have that replicated anywhere else, to  
8 date, within County Parks.

9 So it's a formal chain-link  
10 fenced area that incorporates this  
11 (indicating) former activity field,  
12 and then runs into the woods, and  
13 incorporates another -- I'd say of the  
14 two and-a-half acres, maybe roughly  
15 half the acreage is wooded, maybe a  
16 little less than that.

17 But truly, any weekend day for  
18 sure, but even on the weekdays, I'm  
19 amazed that there's so many people  
20 using it in the middle of the day, on  
21 the weekdays.

22 We have a rowboat rental that  
23 we run out of -- with our own Park  
24 Staff for access onto Stump Pond.

25 Obviously, that's seasonal and also

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1 Council on Environmental Quality 2/17/10 64  
2 subject to availability of staff to run  
3 it. So that's a kind of moving target  
4 as well. But we'd like to get that  
5 open typically the weekend before  
6 Memorial Day, and run that as late  
7 as we can -- and as it is cost  
8 effective to do so -- which is  
9 typically Labor Day.

10 Did anybody have any questions on  
11 that type of stuff, activities?

12 Yes, Eva.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Just so I have an  
14 orientation, because I'm not familiar  
15 with this. So are the -- like the  
16 boating that you were talking about,  
17 and stuff like that, is that like -- is  
18 that liked accessed from up here  
19 (indicating)?

20 MR. GIBBONS: No. The north side  
21 is primarily the Historic District --

22 MS. GROWNEY: This is the  
23 historic --

24 MR. GIBBONS: -- a small picnic  
25 area and playground. The row boat

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2 rental is on the south end of the Lake.

3 MS. GROWNEY: Somewhere over here  
4 (indicating)?

5 MR. GIBBONS: It -- the  
6 parking lot for the row boat shows up.  
7 But I'm not as advanced as  
8 PowerPoint --

9 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

10 MR. GIBBONS: -- and all that.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

12 (Laughter.)

13 MR. GIBBONS: But there's a  
14 parking lot --

15 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

16 MR. GIBBONS: -- a couple hundred  
17 yards up from the south end of the  
18 Lake --

19 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

20 MR. GIBBONS: -- and that shows up  
21 on the aerial, the actual launch  
22 itself. I think I included photos of  
23 it.

24 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

25 MS. SPENCER: Yeah, you did

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2 (indicating).

3 MR. MARTIN: Is that on the  
4 east side of the Lake?

5 MS. SPENCER: Nick, on the --

6 MR. GIBBONS: Yeah. It's on the  
7 southeast side.

8 MS. GROWNEY: Are there any  
9 endangered species associated with this  
10 Park at all?

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I just  
12 couldn't get a grip on that.

13 MR. GIBBONS: There are likely  
14 what New York State classifies as  
15 species of special concern.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

17 MR. GIBBONS: There are no known  
18 Federally listed threatened or  
19 endangered species within the Park.

20 MS. GROWNEY: But the -- the --  
21 there may be species that are  
22 particular to this locale, that have  
23 some sort of --

24 MR. GIBBONS: Sure. Any -- any --  
25 anytime you have a high-quality wetland

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2 area such as it is part of Stump Pond  
3 itself, you're likely to encounter  
4 species there that are somewhat rare by  
5 Long Island standards.

6 MS. GROWNEY: Okay. Because  
7 now you just said something else,  
8 high-quality, you know, wetland  
9 area. So what qualifies this as  
10 a high-quality wetland area?

11 MR. GIBBONS: In spite of -- well,  
12 you can see from this aerial, if  
13 nothing else, in spite of what's going  
14 on around Blydenburgh Park, and what  
15 has taken place out --

16 MS. GROWNEY: Yes.

17 MR. GIBBONS: -- in western  
18 Suffolk County over the past 60 or 70  
19 years --

20 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

21 MR. GIBBONS: -- the water quality  
22 overall within Stump Pond is excellent.

23 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

24 MR. GIBBONS: One of the  
25 keystone species is brook trout. And

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2 we have native brook trout within the  
3 Nissequogue River watershed.

4 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

5 MR. GIBBONS: I think Mike  
6 mentioned earlier on the -- on the  
7 south side of Vets Highway, they have  
8 actually confirmed brook trout spawning  
9 occurring there.

10 So even in spite of --

11 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

12 MR. GIBBONS: -- very long odds,  
13 the brook trout are -- they do sustain  
14 themselves within this Watershed.

15 Stump Pond also has, particularly  
16 on the southwest corner, has a -- a  
17 plant community that's particularly  
18 rare on Long Island, and rare pretty  
19 much throughout the northeast and  
20 New England. That's an Atlantic White  
21 Cedar Swamp.

22 MS. GROWNEY: Oh, yes.

23 MR. GIBBONS: We also have  
24 remnants of those within Hubbard as  
25 well.

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2 MS. GROWNEY: Yes.

3 MR. GIBBONS: You may be familiar  
4 with those.

5 MS. GROWNEY: Of course. Yes, of  
6 course.

7 MR. GIBBONS: A very interesting  
8 plant community, if you're into that  
9 type of thing --

10 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

11 MR. GIBBONS: -- and some people  
12 are. And I understand that.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

14 MR. GIBBONS: We have a -- what I  
15 didn't -- what I failed to mention in  
16 here, we have a -- what I'm very happy  
17 with to have seen come to fruition is  
18 a -- a thousand foot boardwalk that we  
19 built through the wetland in the  
20 southwest area. And it just kind of  
21 skirts this Atlantic White Cedar Swamp  
22 area where you can get a sense for what  
23 it is.

24 And that boardwalk project, which  
25 is something I worked on, and this

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2 group reviewed, that I would say  
3 probably in the -- nearly ten years  
4 ago --

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

6 MR. GIBBONS: -- it connected two  
7 dead-ends that made possible a hike  
8 around the entire Stump Pond. It would  
9 probably take the average person a good  
10 five hours to do so.

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

12 MR. GIBBONS: But it's an  
13 excellent experience. And the vast  
14 majority of it is -- takes you off  
15 Long Island and somewhere else. People  
16 probably have in mind almost an  
17 Adirondack-type setting. They're not  
18 likely to encounter other people.  
19 There's a few overlook points that are  
20 tremendous vistas.

21 But that boardwalk project  
22 makes -- makes that possible.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

24 MR. GIBBONS: But you asked me --  
25 to get back to your original point, it

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2 was about rare species and the Atlantic  
3 White Cedar Swamp --

4 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

5 MR. GIBBONS: -- is a rare  
6 community --

7 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

8 MR. GIBBONS: -- and recognized as  
9 such by New York State DEC.

10 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh. That's very  
11 exciting.

12 How -- how deep is the Pond  
13 roughly? And can they -- and can  
14 they --

15 MR. GIBBONS: That's the kind of  
16 question I always get that I don't  
17 know.

18 (Laughter.)

19 MR. GIBBONS: I have the answer  
20 somewhere.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MS. GROWNEY: Okay. When you find  
23 it, let me know.

24 (Laughter.)

25 MR. GIBBONS: Right.

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2 MS. GROWNEY: Is -- is it also  
3 something that you can fish? Are they  
4 allowed to fish? Are they allowed to  
5 fish --

6 MR. GIBBONS: Yes. This is  
7 an -- an extremely popular area for  
8 fishing. Long Island --

9 MS. GROWNEY: And what about the  
10 control of the --

11 MR. GIBBONS: -- Bass Masters run  
12 an organized event at this Park.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

14 MR. GIBBONS: Anybody can rent a  
15 rowboat --

16 MS. GROWNEY: That's nice.

17 MR. GIBBONS: -- and go freshwater  
18 fishing here --

19 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

20 MR. GIBBONS: -- you need a -- a  
21 license from New York State. But other  
22 than that, you don't any particular --

23 MS. GROWNEY: And they get that at  
24 the Park or is this -- is this --

25 MR. GIBBONS: No. We don't have

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2 the availability -- you can buy those  
3 at any -- typically any sporting goods  
4 store --

5 MS. GROWNEY: I see.

6 MR. GIBBONS: -- or I believe the  
7 DEC Offices in Stony Brook.

8 MS. GROWNEY: And this is -- I  
9 think what Mike talked about before.  
10 This is one of like only two or three  
11 types of fishing experiences on the  
12 Island.

13 Is that true, something like that?  
14 I thought there was like --

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No. It is  
16 an excellent pond for the fishing.

17 MS. GROWNEY: But I meant that in  
18 terms of the type of fish, like there  
19 are there only certain types of fish --

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No. They  
21 have everything in there, crappies,  
22 bluegills, trout. But they're  
23 very, very hard to catch. And just  
24 sunfish, things like that -- nothing  
25 spectacularly rare, or anything like

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2 that.

3 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: It's  
5 you're usual population, that was  
6 stocked a long, long time ago --

7 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- and  
9 it's naturally reproducing at this time  
10 point in time.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: That was one of  
12 the few freshwater ponds.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Freshwater, maybe  
14 that's what it was. It was one of a  
15 few freshwater -- freshwater ponds.  
16 Okay.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: By the  
18 way, in terms of water depth, it  
19 actually varies. Some places it's  
20 one foot, some places it's two foot,  
21 there's four- and eight-foot depths.  
22 And towards the north end, there's  
23 actually a spot that's about 16 feet  
24 deep.

25 But generally, it's relatively

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2 shallow. So it's not as if people  
3 could --

4 MS. GROWNEY: Wade through it.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- bring a  
6 powerboat in and -- well, they'd  
7 probably get stuck if they tried  
8 wading.

9 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: But they  
11 can't go with a powerboat --

12 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- or  
14 anything like that, water ski or  
15 whatever.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Right, okay.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mary Ann?

18 MS. SPENCER: The -- to the North  
19 contiguous to this is the Caleb Smith  
20 State Preserve?

21 MR. GIBBONS: Correct.

22 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

23 MS. SPENCER: And they have  
24 fishing as well. They stock their  
25 ponds. Do you stock this?

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2 MR. GIBBONS: No.

3 MS. SPENCER: Don't need to?

4 MR. GIBBONS: It's not part of --  
5 the DEC's Program, which is for fly  
6 fishing in -- in cooperation with  
7 New York State Parks.

8 You can see in that (indicating)  
9 northwest corner almost, where there --  
10 where the mill is, they're -- our --  
11 our border is -- or their Park comes  
12 immediately up to our Park.

13 MS. SPENCER: Yes, I know.

14 MR. GIBBONS: Right over the  
15 spillway begins their Park Preserve.

16 MS. SPENCER: Right.

17 MR. GIBBONS: And from -- that  
18 section of the Park that extends to 25  
19 is where they have all their formal  
20 designated fly fishing beats.

21 MS. SPENCER: Yes.

22 MR. GIBBONS: So you check in  
23 there, you get a number, you go down  
24 and you fish that beat.

25 MS. SPENCER: Yes.

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2 MR. GIBBONS: That's where the  
3 true trout fishing experience is.

4 MS. SPENCER: I see.

5 MR. GIBBONS: Up here on the  
6 impoundment is not particularly good  
7 trout habitat in that it's -- it warms  
8 up in the summer, which is probably --  
9 you could understand, you know, it's  
10 more standing water, there's a longer  
11 retention time. Whereas in the stream  
12 itself, it's continuously flowing.

13 MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

14 MR. GIBBONS: It's -- it's dammed  
15 up again here (indicating), up on the  
16 club side, the north side --

17 MS. SPENCER: Right.

18 MR. GIBBONS: -- of 25.

19 MS. SPENCER: Right.

20 MR. GIBBONS: And again, the trout  
21 fishing there is marginal. But they do  
22 stock that, too, primarily for kids to  
23 come. And it's a stock-and-take  
24 fishery, as opposed to some other areas  
25 like Southaven where, we have like a no

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2 kill for brook, because we have a  
3 naturally occurring and spawning brook  
4 that's there.

5 MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

6 MR. GIBBONS: But back in the far  
7 south end of Stump Pond where the river  
8 is truly a river again, that's where  
9 you'll begin to see more trout  
10 activity.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

12 MS. SPENCER: Okay.

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Nick, I'm  
14 going to be lazy and instead of looking  
15 the word up, I'm just going to ask you,  
16 you said it's an impondment [sic], is  
17 that --

18 MR. GIBBONS: An impoundment.

19 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: An  
20 impoundment. What is that?

21 MR. GIBBONS: It's a dammed up  
22 body of water. Otherwise, if it  
23 weren't for the existence of manmade  
24 structures here in the -- the dam  
25 itself, we would have a free-flowing

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2 Nissequogue River, as you might be  
3 familiar with in other --

4 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

5 MR. GIBBONS: -- areas of the  
6 Nissequogue --

7 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

8 MR. GIBBONS: -- up by like  
9 Smithtown. That's what this  
10 (indicating) would look like --

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

12 MR. GIBBONS: -- actually far less  
13 wide. It would be moving water, it  
14 would be much colder.

15 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

16 MR. GIBBONS: So the impoundment  
17 occurs when the River is dammed up and  
18 that water backs up behind it.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Just like  
20 the gristmill --

21 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- in  
23 Stony Brook, where they put a gristmill  
24 in the dam --

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- to make  
3 it down to the --

4 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. I  
5 just didn't know the word.

6 Thank you, Nick.

7 MR. GIBBONS: I'm glad I knew the  
8 definition.

9 (Laughter.)

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

11 MS. GROWNEY: And the -- the  
12 barricade, is that something that -- is  
13 that relatively recently updated, or  
14 it's the original one, or how is it  
15 maintained, or --

16 MR. GIBBONS: Are you referring to  
17 the dam --

18 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

19 MR. GIBBONS: -- itself?

20 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

21 MR. GIBBONS: The dam structure,  
22 there's two structures there.

23 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

24 MR. GIBBONS: In very layman's  
25 terms within Parks, they're either the

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2 small spillway or the large spillway.

3 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

4 MR. GIBBONS: You can probably  
5 infer what those mean.

6 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

7 MR. GIBBONS: So that the small  
8 spillway is immediately adjacent to the  
9 new mill. I think I --

10 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

11 MR. GIBBONS: -- included pictures  
12 of the mill.

13 MS. SPENCER: Yes, you did  
14 (indicating).

15 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

16 MR. GIBBONS: And the overflow  
17 impoundment, the large spillway --

18 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

19 MR. GIBBONS: -- is a little  
20 further to the west (indicating) --  
21 which is a more modern structure. It's  
22 concrete.

23 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

24 MR. GIBBONS: It was updated by  
25 the County in the '70's and then some

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2 repair in the '80's I believe.

3 The -- the new mill spillway --

4 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

5 MR. GIBBONS: -- is very much in

6 need of attention. It's part of

7 overall plan for restoration of the

8 mill, the millworks, and the spillway.

9 They're all so closely related,

10 it's hard not to do one --

11 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

12 MR. GIBBONS: -- without the

13 other.

14 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

15 MR. GIBBONS: We've suffered -- or

16 it suffered some significant damage.

17 We had what's commonly referred to as a

18 hundred year storm event --

19 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

20 MR. GIBBONS: -- about three years

21 ago.

22 And without getting in too much

23 into detail, the velocity and the

24 volume of the water that comes through

25 these two structures is amazing.

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2 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

3 MR. GIBBONS: We have to drop in a  
4 coordinated effort, actually with State  
5 Parks. We'll call them up to tell  
6 them, particularly if -- if there's a  
7 very good chance of a storm coming  
8 that's going to cause problems in the  
9 overall watershed area, which is  
10 enormous.

11 We will begin to drop water levels  
12 in anticipation of such an event,  
13 places like Miller's Pond, which had  
14 been in the news for the better part of  
15 two to three years. And seemingly, it  
16 became a top priority in the Parks  
17 Department. We were there every single  
18 day monitoring --

19 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

20 MR. GIBBONS: -- water quality --

21 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

22 MR. GIBBONS: -- or water level.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: And the  
24 people were at the Legislature almost  
25 every single day.

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2 MR. GIBBONS: Yeah.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. GIBBONS: And whether or not  
5 you agree that the Miller's Pond level  
6 has anything to do with the problems  
7 those people were experiencing in their  
8 basements was almost relevant. And we  
9 can talk about that some other time,  
10 off the record.

11 But we do have to -- we have to  
12 coordinate dropping the level at  
13 Miller's Pond, then dropping the level  
14 here at Stump Pond -- letting State  
15 Parks know that, so that they can pull  
16 out boards from their structures as  
17 well --

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

19 MR. GIBBONS: -- and so on and so  
20 forth.

21 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

22 MR. MACHTAY: How -- how far in,  
23 from the road, is the water?

24 MR. GIBBONS: How far a distance?

25 MR. MACHTAY: Yeah, I mean if I

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2 was going to walk to the water from the  
3 road.

4 MR. GIBBONS: Yeah. You would  
5 park -- we have one of two parking  
6 areas. The -- the best way for you to  
7 access the water most readily would be  
8 to be park in our rowboat cabin parking  
9 area, which you're free to do. And  
10 then it's a matter of a hundred yards.

11 MR. MACHTAY: Well, I'm -- I'm  
12 just curious, because I used to go  
13 camping here with my son with the Boy  
14 Scouts.

15 MR. GIBBONS: Right.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

17 MR. MACHTAY: And we would camp  
18 out and then we would walk to water.

19 MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.

20 MR. MACHTAY: And I'm just  
21 wondering where -- where we were.

22 MR. GIBBONS: Yes. I can tell you  
23 where you were.

24 (Laughter.)

25 MR. MACHTAY: And could I find

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2 that again?

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. GIBBONS: Listen for the  
5 barking dogs.

6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. MACHTAY: I can't walk too  
8 much anymore.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MR. GIBBONS: Yeah. The -- where  
11 you camped was along the north side of  
12 what was formerly the activity field.

13 MR. MACHTAY: So this (indicating)  
14 side, the, the --

15 MS. GROWNEY: Up here (indicating)  
16 somewhere.

17 MR. GIBBONS: The activity field  
18 shows up -- I don't know how well you  
19 can see it from here (indicating), but  
20 this (indicating) is the activity  
21 field.

22 MR. MACHTAY: Okay.

23 MR. GIBBONS: Okay. It's now the  
24 dog run.

25 MR. MACHTAY: All right.

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2 MR. GIBBONS: The -- the youth  
3 camping area is immediately north of  
4 the dog run, which was one of my  
5 concerns about siting it in this place.  
6 But the fact that it was already  
7 cleared, lent itself to the use.

8 So the youth group area is to the  
9 north there (indicating). There's a  
10 trail from the youth group area that  
11 you can see on this (indicating) map.

12 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

13 MR. GIBBONS: It will take you  
14 right down to what's basically the  
15 center of the east shore of Stump Pond.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

17 MR. GIBBONS: And there you can  
18 relive past memories.

19 MS. GROWNEY: Any beavers?

20 MR. GIBBONS: No.

21 (Laughter.)

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Looking at the  
23 structures, my recollection is that  
24 we've had a terrible time maintaining  
25 the structures in Blydenburgh.

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2 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

3 MR. GIBBONS: Historical or?

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: The historical  
5 structures.

6 MR. GIBBONS: I'll turn that over  
7 to our Director of Historical Services.

8 MR. MARTIN: I'll say yes, it's  
9 been a long time coming to get, like --  
10 like as reported earlier to the mill  
11 building, that was one of the first  
12 structures of -- this whole district  
13 was that initiated the creation of the  
14 Historic Trust.

15 MR. BAGG: 25 years.

16 MR. MARTIN: But we have been  
17 constantly maintaining the other  
18 structures, especially the two, I call  
19 them -- the two up top (indicating) --  
20 the farmhouse, and the farm cottage.  
21 The farm cottage is now a residence.

22 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

23 MR. MARTIN: So that's been pretty  
24 well maintained over time. And someone  
25 has been living there for a number of

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2 years. I mean people have been living  
3 at the farmhouse.

4 We've maintained it pretty well.  
5 It needs a paint job right now, which  
6 I'd like to get done this year. And  
7 that is the Offices for the Long Island  
8 Greenbelt Trail. And we also have an  
9 apartment there on the second floor, on  
10 the right part of the building, the  
11 east end of the building. And they do  
12 give tours there on a regular basis.  
13 So it is fully occupied.

14 The Miller's House is vacant. And  
15 that will be our next priority, after  
16 the mill is stabilized.

17 The porch, the picture you see  
18 here (indicating) is dated. The porch  
19 is being reconstructed now. The --  
20 the two-story porch, that's being  
21 completed. And again, this  
22 (indicating) building will need to be  
23 painted.

24 But that building has never been  
25 upgraded with heat, or electric, or

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2 even water. That was used as really a  
3 hunting lodge in a sense, and rented  
4 out by the Weld family. They had  
5 upgraded the farmhouse. That's where  
6 they lived. But they never upgraded  
7 the Miller's House. And that would be  
8 included in the Interpretation Program  
9 with exhibits and open for tours, once  
10 that's completed.

11 MS. GROWNEY: That's (indicating)  
12 a beautiful structure.

13 MR. MARTIN: It's a beautiful  
14 structure. But it -- it will need an  
15 extensive restoration, especially  
16 the -- the rear wall is actually built  
17 into the -- the hillside there.

18 It's a brick wall that is  
19 partially caved in. So that will  
20 have to be reconstructed. So, it's --  
21 it's -- it will be a large job. And  
22 that's our next project.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So what -- what  
24 budget do you have for it?

25 MR. MARTIN: This is our capital

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2 funding. County funds this directly.  
3 And we do have almost full funding, I  
4 could say, for the mill building  
5 itself.

6 We don't have the money for the  
7 millworks, yet. And we do have  
8 not have any capital funds, at this  
9 point, for the Miller's House.

10 We are putting -- we are asking  
11 for some money for that site this year.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. And  
13 vandalism, is that a problem in any --

14 MR. MARTIN: I'll say, at this  
15 point, I'll say no. There's been  
16 slight vandalism over the years, but --  
17 I'm sorry.

18 MS. SPENCER: It's the -- this  
19 site is inhabited and that really  
20 helps.

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

22 MS. SPENCER: There's someone in  
23 the farmhouse and there's someone in  
24 the farm cottage.

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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2 MS. SPENCER: And, you know,  
3 at -- at the beginning of the meeting  
4 when Richard was showing the current  
5 vacancies, the -- the push in that  
6 program is to get someone on site. And  
7 when there is someone on site, the  
8 vandalism --

9 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

10 MS. SPENCER: -- decreases  
11 significantly.

12 MR. MARTIN: Yes. And also  
13 Alan Drost (phonetic) is the tenant in  
14 the main farmhouse. And he's very good  
15 at keeping me informed as to any  
16 problems or vandalism on site.

17 He was the one that reported,  
18 after we had that hundred year storm,  
19 you have to get over here immediately  
20 to take a look at the -- the piers for  
21 the mill. So he's constantly on the  
22 lookout for any problems with the  
23 Historic site.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Now, the  
25 Greenbelt people, do they rent from

2 you?

3 MR. MARTIN: No. Well -- no.

4 They have a contract, an interpretation  
5 contract I guess I'll call it. And  
6 they are the group that provides the  
7 tours on site. And they also do some  
8 maintenance, and they have bought some  
9 State grant funds into the house,  
10 and restored some items, and also  
11 furnished -- partly furnished the  
12 first floor.

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. And  
14 that's still Nancy?

15 MR. MARTIN: Nancy is definitely  
16 involved. I don't know if she is the  
17 president at this point.

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

19 MS. SPENCER: I have a question.  
20 There's a -- there's a structure that  
21 you haven't shown here (indicating),  
22 that when I -- I visit the site, I  
23 often see some kind of classroom  
24 activity going on --

25 MR. MARTIN: Right. What I didn't

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2 -- what I didn't --

3 MS. SPENCER: -- who runs those?

4 MR. MARTIN: -- what I didn't

5 mention was the Colonial Life Program,

6 which is Gaynell Stone and the Long

7 Island Archeological Association.

8 MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

9 MR. MARTIN: And they have a

10 building that's just to the east of

11 the farmhouse -- very close to it. And

12 they also occupy the kitchen, and the

13 first-floor storage rooms for their

14 educational programs.

15 That's usually elementary kids I

16 think that come here.

17 MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

18 MR. MARTIN: And that runs in the

19 spring and the fall. And that's very

20 popular.

21 And that also helps to maintain

22 the buildings. And the activity at the

23 site, again, deters vandalism.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What about

25 resources for restoring the spillway?

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2 MR. MARTIN: We don't have funds  
3 for that, at this point. So we will be  
4 asking for County capital funds for  
5 that.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Given the  
7 flooding characteristics that result  
8 here, it seems to me it should be a  
9 fairly high priority?

10 MR. MARTIN: I'll -- I'll let Nick  
11 comment on the condition of the  
12 spillway. We will have to do the  
13 project, as Nick said, if we are going  
14 to have the mill -- the mill operate,  
15 because the spillway design is not the  
16 early design for the gristmill. It's a  
17 much later design.

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So does this  
19 fall under the -- would it have to be a  
20 Historic --

21 MR. MARTIN: It would have to be  
22 designed, yes, to operate the mill,  
23 which is slightly different than we  
24 have now.

25 This what's there now has -- was

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2 rebuilt since that time period.

3 And Nick, the condition, I'll  
4 defer to you --

5 MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.

6 MR. MARTIN: -- if there's any  
7 problems, immediate problems.

8 MR. GIBBONS: It's -- it is our  
9 number one priority within our --  
10 I'm trying to think of the capital  
11 project -- dams and spillways I think  
12 it is. We have a specific capital  
13 project for that item. And we have  
14 many of these type structures  
15 throughout the Park system.

16 Often, what made the Park worth  
17 purchasing were these impoundments that  
18 were incorporated within this acreage.

19 We have -- a number of years ago,  
20 I'd say maybe six or seven years ago,  
21 DPW went out and did an assessment --  
22 first an inventory and then  
23 assessment -- very basic, I mean,  
24 you know, less than an hour per  
25 structure -- just to basically simply

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2 document where we were at that point in  
3 time, with each these structures.

4 We have since used those as -- to  
5 identify future priorities within the  
6 capital program. The Blydenburgh  
7 spillway is our number one priority  
8 within that.

9 Hubbard is actually is at our  
10 second, where we have had complete  
11 failure of a couple of structures. And  
12 what happens there most often is, you  
13 have the failure of the structure and  
14 the immediate draining of the wetland.  
15 And unfortunately, the response from  
16 the plant community is that you have an  
17 invasion of invasive species.

18 So we've had -- had that happen on  
19 a much smaller scale out at Hubbard.  
20 But again, it's not something that's  
21 irreversible by any means. It's our --  
22 it's our second priority after this  
23 structure.

24 The -- the -- what we have going  
25 for us here is this (indicating) second

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2 spillway. And all that water is  
3 currently being diverted to that second  
4 spillway, which can certainly handle  
5 the capacity. It's a far larger and  
6 formidable structure than the original  
7 spillway is.

8 It's unclear whether or not --  
9 depending on how far the project goes,  
10 I think the ultimate goal is to have a  
11 working mill there?

12 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

13 MR. GIBBONS: That sounds to me  
14 like it'll be a much later phase. And  
15 for now, the best we could hope for is  
16 to stabilize the structure, so that it  
17 doesn't continue to fail. And then we  
18 can revisit that as funding permits.

19 MR. MARTIN: And actually,  
20 we'll -- we'll need to go to the  
21 Miller's House next. And then -- then,  
22 in a sense, go back to the mill to --  
23 to incorporate the millworks.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm -- I'm

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2 confused about the spillways, because I  
3 remember when we had the issues,  
4 three years ago, with the Smithtown  
5 neighborhoods coming to us, I thought  
6 that the money for that was not  
7 historic structures monies. I thought  
8 there was some Federal and State money  
9 coming in to help with those.

10 MR. GIBBONS: Yes, we did. There  
11 is a project going on with the Town of  
12 Smithtown to address that. And it's --  
13 essentially, it's the dredging of  
14 what's referred to as the northeast  
15 branch of the Nissequogue. It is -- it  
16 ultimately dumps into Miller's Pond --

17 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

18 MR. GIBBONS: -- if you're  
19 familiar where that is --

20 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

21 MR. GIBBONS: -- which is where  
22 the vast majority of the constituent  
23 complaints came out --

24 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

25 Miller's Pond, yeah.

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2 MR. GIBBONS: -- of that area.

3 But up river from that where the  
4 northeast branch intersects with 347,  
5 over a period of 20 or 30 years, there  
6 was primarily street sweepings that had  
7 run into the River, and have slowed  
8 flow, and have otherwise silted and  
9 filled in the stream.

10 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

11 MR. GIBBONS: So the project is to  
12 dredge -- I didn't bring the details on  
13 that -- but several hundred yards of  
14 maybe to a couple of thousand yards of  
15 material.

16 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: But that's  
17 outside of Historic Services, is the  
18 point I'm making.

19 MR. GIBBONS: But it's all  
20 connected in the sense that it is --  
21 well, that -- that project is funded  
22 partially I think by our Water Quality  
23 Protection Program --

24 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

25 MR. GIBBONS: -- and with the Town

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2 of Smithtown.

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: The 477  
4 account.

5 MR. GIBBONS: Yes, as a partner.  
6 But they're the lead on it. We do own  
7 some of the subject property, so we've  
8 granted --

9 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

10 MR. GIBBONS: -- permission to  
11 the Town to act as our liaison.  
12 Particularly with permitting issues  
13 with DEC --

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

15 MR. GIBBONS: -- we've had a lot  
16 of influence on what that project  
17 ultimately wound up looking like. It  
18 was significantly scaled down due, in  
19 large part, to concerns that Parks had  
20 of the overall integrity of the  
21 wetlands.

22 So they're addressing what are the  
23 most problematic areas. And those are  
24 the ones that are most immediately  
25 adjacent to primarily 347.

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2 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

3 MS. FISCHER: Larry?

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

5 MS. FISCHER: If I can just  
6 piggyback on these comments, the  
7 property that we're -- we prepared  
8 here, is just to the south here  
9 (indicating), in this (indicating)  
10 section.

11 So you can see how this all kind  
12 of connects together, being the  
13 headwaters into Blydenburgh. So I  
14 just wanted to --

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Thank  
16 you.

17 MR. GIBBONS: And just to finish  
18 up on this before -- so I don't forget,  
19 the -- the site has -- it's not exactly  
20 a master plan, per se, but it has this  
21 Environmental Impact Statement. It was  
22 done in August of '77. Jim probably  
23 worked on it personally.

24 MR. BAGG: Yes. That's with EIS.

25 MR. GIBBONS: I didn't know what

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2 it was for.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I think he just  
4 told me, he took this picture down here  
5 (indicating) in 1972.

6 (Laughter.)

7 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: He was four.  
8 Show off.

9 MR. BAGG: It's in the Historic  
10 Trust Manual --

11 (Laughter.)

12 MR. GIBBONS: Those pictures are  
13 six days old --

14 MR. BAGG: -- the Miller's House.  
15 (Laughter.)

16 MR. GIBBONS: So we have used that  
17 in the past. In fact, I think I  
18 discussed it with this group, when we  
19 talked about the dog run.

20 And the -- the master plan is  
21 really just a snapshot of what the  
22 Park -- what they proposed in the  
23 mid-'70's, and what was ultimately  
24 constructed.

25 And then it broke down the rest of

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2 the Park into primarily two different  
3 zones, conservation and preservation  
4 zones. Conservation zones could allow  
5 for some appropriate recreational  
6 activities or infrastructure. And  
7 preservation zones were recommended not  
8 to have any improvements whatsoever.

9 The activity field was an existing  
10 feature within the Park. It was in  
11 compliance with the master plan. And  
12 so our reuse of the activity field to  
13 another purpose, was permissible. And  
14 that was part of our presentation to  
15 you, I -- I forget when, three -- three  
16 or four years ago maybe.

17 And the other thing about the  
18 Park -- and it goes back to when we're  
19 open -- is the Park is annually  
20 impacted by West Nile Virus, and to a  
21 far lesser extent Triple E, Eastern  
22 equine encephalitis.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

24 MR. GIBBONS: We get  
25 recommendations -- although not

2 mandates from the Suffolk County  
3 Department of Health Services, to close  
4 facilities at dusk. And that has been  
5 the past practice, for the past six or  
6 eight years that we've all been dealing  
7 with particularly West Nile virus.

8 So sometimes in late August,  
9 middle of September, we shut down  
10 camping. And it really doesn't impact  
11 the public to such a great extent that  
12 we wind up reopening. In some years we  
13 have, depending on the timing of the  
14 West Nile.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Larry, if  
16 I may.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: That  
19 Atlantic White Cedar Swamp may be the  
20 locust of the West Nile infestation of  
21 the Park, at this point in time.  
22 That's where West Nile was originally  
23 detected. And that seems to be the  
24 favored habitat, if you will.

25 Unfortunately, since it's a

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2 heavily protected area, it's not easy  
3 to deal with the virus. I mean you  
4 can't obviously put in all the  
5 chemicals that might be otherwise  
6 available.

7 You know, there is -- there are  
8 control efforts that are made. I know,  
9 for a fact, that occurs.

10 But the interesting thing is,  
11 this is one of the first places where  
12 West Nile was detected in the County.  
13 I'd like to say that -- and some of the  
14 people in Health Services agree with  
15 me -- that this is the home of West  
16 Nile in this County. I mean it's  
17 endemic now everywhere. But that's --  
18 this is where it started.

19 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: That's a  
20 dubious distinction.

21 MR. MACHTAY: I'd like to thank  
22 you, Nick. I guess it was my urging  
23 that sort of boiled the pot, so to  
24 speak.

25 MR. GIBBONS: I guess it was.

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2 (Laughter.)

3 MR. MACHTAY: But it gives you --  
4 it's called job security; right?

5 (Laughter.)

6 MR. GIBBONS: Oh, sure, great.

7 MR. MACHTAY: Right. No. I think  
8 I learned more about Blydenburgh than I  
9 ever wanted to know.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. GIBBONS: I see. That's --  
12 that's exactly the kind of feedback  
13 that I need.

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. MACHTAY: In any case, I thank  
16 you for the brochure, and I thank you  
17 for this (indicating). And anything  
18 else you want to come to this Board  
19 with I hope they will receive you in,  
20 so I can learn more.

21 Can I -- one more question  
22 about -- about the Parks, though. When  
23 I go to a New York State Park during  
24 the week, okay, being a senior citizen,  
25 there's no admission, no parking fee,

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2 no anything. Does Suffolk County have  
3 anything like that?

4 MR. GIBBONS: We have all kinds of  
5 discounts and more than I could ever  
6 remember.

7 (Laughter.)

8 MR. GIBBONS: On the -- this --  
9 this is from last year, but the most  
10 important thing is the people's names  
11 on the bottom are still accurate.

12 (Laughter.)

13 MR. GIBBONS: They're not allowed  
14 to leave the building, unless those are  
15 accurate.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. GIBBONS: There's the website  
18 at the top and the phone number. Any  
19 of the people that answer that phone  
20 can help you out with that.

21 MR. MACHTAY: Okay. Thank you.

22 MR. GIBBONS: But technically  
23 speaking, any place where you can pull  
24 up and walk into a County Park,  
25 technically speaking, you are to have a

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2 Suffolk County Green Key Card. It's  
3 a -- well, it used to be \$20 for three  
4 years. I don't know what it is now.  
5 It's not much more than that. Whether  
6 or not there is some provision for  
7 seniors or not, I -- I don't really  
8 know.

9 MR. MACHTAY: But to get  
10 into a State Park, I just have to show  
11 my driver's license?

12 MR. GIBBONS: That's right.

13 MR. MACHTAY: And it shows that  
14 I'm over whatever age.

15 MR. GIBBONS: Right.

16 (Laughter.)

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mary Ann, you  
18 had a comment?

19 MS. SPENCER: Yes. As a footnote,  
20 I'd like to -- to use Jim, our -- our  
21 resource. If memory serves,  
22 Blydenburgh was the first property  
23 dedicated to the Historic Trust; is  
24 that correct?

25 MR. BAGG: Yes, I believe so.

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2 MS. SPENCER: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Now, what can  
4 we do to help, since we asked you to go  
5 through this trouble -- or do you want  
6 us to do nothing? Do you want the  
7 Historic Trust -- do you want the  
8 Historic Trust to do anything?

9 MR. GIBBONS: I don't care what  
10 happens to those buildings. That's --

11 (Laughter.)

12 MR. MARTIN: He's -- he's not  
13 telling you the truth.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Leave now.

15 (Laughter.)

16 MS. SPENCER: He's not telling you  
17 the truth.

18 MR. MARTIN: No, he does care, but  
19 that's Richard's --

20 MR. GIBBONS: I do.

21 MR. MARTIN: I'll just say that  
22 the Historic Trust and Committee has  
23 already helped. We've, by the  
24 Committee review, made the mill the  
25 priority restoration project, because

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2 of the concerns that it was neglected  
3 for so many years.

4 The local Legislator, Legislator  
5 Kennedy, has been very supportive, from  
6 that input and from his own interest  
7 in the District to fund that. And he  
8 has been very helpful in getting the  
9 capital funds for that site, and we're  
10 hoping to continue.

11 And so I think the Committee is --  
12 is well aware of this site and keeping  
13 its eye on it. And the Miller's House  
14 is, I think third or fourth on the list  
15 as a priority, which we'd be working on  
16 soon.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay, thank  
18 you.

19 Other business?

20 (WHEREUPON, there was no  
21 response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: If not, may I  
23 have a motion to adjourn?

24 MS. GROWNEY: Motion to adjourn.

25 MR. MACHTAY: Second.

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2 MS. SPENCER: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Actually,

4 Mary Ann I think.

5 All in favor?

6 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

7 (WHEREUPON, the meeting of the  
8 Suffolk County Council on Environmental  
9 Control adjourned at 10:41 a.m.)

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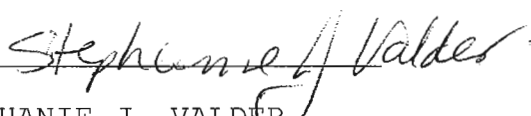
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