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2 ENVIRONMENT, PARKS & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
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11 A meeting of the Environment, Parks & Agriculture Committee of the
12 Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa
13 Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature
14 Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on
15 March 23, 2023.
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19 MEMBERS PRESENT:

20 Leg. Anthony Piccirillo, Chairperson
21 Leg. Robert Trotta, Vice Chair
22 Leg. Bridget Fleming
23 Leg. Leslie Kennedy
24 Leg. Kara Hahn
25 Leg. Nicholas Caracappa
26 Leg. Al Krupski
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30 ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

31 William Duffy, Counsel to the Legislature
32 Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature
33 Hope Clark, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature
34 Laura Halloran, Budget Review Office
35 Benny Pernice, Budget Review Office
36 Michelle Zarifis, Director of Intergovernmental Relations/CE
37 Jason D. Smagin, Commissioner/Parks Department
38 Mikael Kerr, Economic Development & Planning
39 Jennifer McGivern, Economic Development & Planning
40 Vanessa Lockel, Director/Cornell Cooperative Extension
41 Christopher Pickerell, Marine Program Director/CCE
42 Catherine Stark, Aide to Leg. Krupski
43 Robert Martinez, Aide to Leg. Caracappa
44 Irene Donohue, Aide to Leg. Fleming
45 Erica Hershberger, Aide to Leg. Kennedy
46 Ali Nazir, Aide to PO
47 Chris DeLuca, Aide to PO
48 Michael Kaufman, CEQ
49 Lois Hayn, public speaker/Coindre Hall
50 Desiree Benn, public speaker/Coindre Hall
51 Dale Gifford, public speaker/Coindre Hall
52 Daniel Karpen, public speaker
53 And all other interested parties
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55 MINUTES TAKEN BY:

56 Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

1 THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:11 AM

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3 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

4 Good morning, everybody. Welcome to our monthly meeting of the
5 Environment, Parks & Agriculture Committee. Let's please rise for
6 the Pledge of Allegiance and stay standing for a moment of silence
7 led by Legislator Hahn.

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9 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

10 **MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED**

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13 Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Clerk.

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15 **CLERK TASSONE:**

16 Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

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18 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

19 Roll call, please.

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21 (Roll call by Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature)

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23 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

24 Present.

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26 **LEG. TROTTA:**

27 Here.

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29 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

30 Here.

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32 **LEG. FLEMING:**

33 Present.

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35 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

36 Here.

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38 **LEG. HAHN:**

39 Here.

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41 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

42 Here.

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44 **CLERK TASSONE:**

45 Seven.

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47 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

48 Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any correspondence?

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50 **CLERK TASSONE:**

51 All correspondence have been distributed accordingly, Mr. Chairman.

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53 **PUBLIC PORTION**

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55 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

56 Thank you, sir. Okay, we're going to do our public portion; then

1 we're going to do our presentation; and then we're going to get
2 into the agenda. So first up for the public portion is Miss Lois
3 Hayn. Are you here, Miss Hayn? Good morning. Nice to see you.
4 You have three minutes, ma'am.

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6 **LOIS HAYN:**
7 Something for the Clerk.

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9 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
10 Give it right to the Clerk. They'll get them out to you. Thank
11 you.

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13 **LOIS HAYN:**
14 Good morning.

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16 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
17 Good morning.

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19 **LOIS HAYN:**
20 Coindre Hall is a passive park. In July of 1989 James Gaughran who
21 was at that time a district Legislator wrote a letter to a
22 concerned resident. In it he states that "because this property
23 was placed in the County Historic Trust last year, it cannot be
24 sold and any rental must be passive in nature. Passive.

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26 In November of 1996 the West Shore Road Task Force prepared a
27 document for the New York State Historic Maritime Committee called
28 Huntington Harbor, an overview. In that document Coindre Hall is
29 referred to as a county park whose natural passive use is vital.
30 Passive, I repeat.

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32 In a letter written by Mr. McKay on December 10th, 2021 to the
33 President of the Coindre Hall Park Community, he writes "thank you
34 for volunteering as a park steward for the West Neck Farms. About
35 that program," he states, "the primary purpose of this initiative
36 is to assist our department in monitoring activity and report
37 issues of concern in those county parks deemed to be passive." I
38 repeat, passive. Please listen carefully to this recording: " --
39 of the park we are not -- this is a passive use that we are looking
40 for, this is what we're recommending as the Coindre Hall Advisory
41 Board, that this passive use that we restore -- ". That was
42 Commodore Ed Carr in December of 2022 speaking in front of the
43 entire body of Suffolk County Legislators. He clearly states that
44 the Coindre Hall Advisory Board recommends passive use of the park.

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46 Yet in a PDF FAQ on the Advisory Board website, it indicates that
47 members are not in favor of the nature preserve designation for the
48 lower five acres of the park because a nature preserve could limit
49 future potential uses and restrict an active and historic park. I
50 repeat, an active and historic park. Something is awry here.

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52 A passive park centers around the employment -- enjoyment, rather,
53 of nature, things like nature walks, wildlife watching and nature
54 photography. As an active park, it would allow for concerts, ball
55 fields and concession stands. Coindre Hall should be clearly
56 designated as passive and a de facto nature preserve. Please do

1 not allow this park to be classified as active. Thank you.

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3 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

4 Thank you, Miss Hayn. Any questions? Seeing none, next we have
5 Desiree Benn. Good morning, Miss Benn.

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7 **DESIREE BENN:**

8 Good morning.

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10 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

11 You have three minutes, ma'am. Nice to see you.

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13 **DESIREE BENN:**

14 Nice to see you all this morning. Coindre Hall park is a
15 historical and a documented ecological asset of Suffolk County held
16 in trust for the Suffolk County taxpayer. The lack of a
17 designation for its ecological significance has caused significant
18 damage to this asset. Coindre Hall is the most ecologically
19 significant site that is publically accessible on Huntington
09:15AM 20 Harbor. This ecological asset is unique and its assets are not
21 reproducible. The ecological significance of the site is not
22 protected under the current singular designation of a historic
23 site.

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25 This site requires an additional designation of a nature preserve.
26 Picture "A" shows the before, the accidental clear cutting in 2021
27 where you can see a red maple sweetgum forest and a tupelo hardwood
28 swamp. This other photograph shows that it's post clear cutting.
29 The area was preemptively cleared of trees for a parking lot. And
09:16AM 30 you can see where the areas would go -- where the cars would go and
31 park in this area over here (indicating).

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33 This area (indicating) is now recognized as part of a duly map
34 regulated wetland and the action of clear cutting is described as
35 an accident. Had this area been designated as a nature preserve,
36 there would have been clarity that this is not an appropriate site
37 for a parking lot, thus protecting the area. A petition of over
38 two thousand four hundred voters plus the support of the Sierra
39 Club supports this position. On the Suffolk County website now
09:17AM 40 posted on March the 6th, 2023, a PDF document with the following:
41 "The rationale for not having a nature preserve is expressed. A
42 nature preserve could limit future potential users and restrict an
43 active and historic park. A nature preserve would limit future
44 potential uses and restrict an active and historic park.

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46 The goal of Suffolk County must be that all Suffolk County assets
47 are protected and not preparation of county assets for new and
48 future uses based on designations they do not have. Protecting the
49 ecologically integrity of the park must remain a central goal of
09:17AM 50 the trustee of the committee and designating the lower five acres
51 as a nature preserve is an actionable step that I humbly request
52 the Committee supports. The LWRP states: The significant
53 ecological characteristics of the site should be preserved and
54 protected to its greatest extent possible. Following this
55 recommendation we have commissioned further ecological studies from
56 highly respected organizations upon which we can create a research

1 base plan for the park. We respectfully request that no actions be
2 taken with regard to landscape design plans until we all have -- we
3 have time to perform the necessary research to ensure that the
4 significant ecological characteristics of this site are preserved
5 and protected to the greatest extent possible. Thank you.

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7 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

8 Thank you very much. Any questions? Seeing none, thank you very
9 much, Miss Benn.

09:18AM 10

11 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

12 Mr. Chair?

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14 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

15 Legislator Krupski.

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17 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

18 I do have questions relating to what was brought up in the last two
19 presentations but I'd like to reserve them for the Parks
20 Commissioner. Because I don't think it's fair to ask the residents
21 what the Parks Commissioner is -- what's on his mind.

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23 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

24 Duly noted.

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26 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

27 Thank you.

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29 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

30 You're welcome. Miss Gifford, good morning.

09:19AM 31

32 **DALE GIFFORD:**

33 Good morning.

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35 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

36 Thank you for being here. You have three minutes, ma'am.

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38 **DALE GIFFORD:**

39 Good morning. I'm here speaking for the Coindre Hall Community
40 Group. The mission statement of the Coindre Hall Advisory Board is
41 to quote "rehabilitate the entire property without altering the
42 character or purpose of the park." According to the LWRP of Lloyd
43 Harbor, which encompasses the park, page four states and I quote
44 "the significant ecological character of this site should be
45 preserved and protected to the greatest extent possible." To date
46 the Coindre Hall Advisory Board has not conducted or commissioned
47 any environmental or ecological assessment and has not attempted to
48 protect or preserve the ecological characteristics of this park.
49 The directions of the LWRP of Lloyd Harbor have been ignored.

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51 Coindre Hall Park Community group is the first and only group to
52 recognize the unique ecological significance of this site by not
53 only commissioning ecological studies of it and the habitats within
54 it, but also holding a well-attended evening of ecological
55 education earlier this month.

56 I have here a letter that resulted from those studies. It is from

1 our lawyer to several county officials. It reads in part: "Dear
2 sirs, attached is a January 2023 report from an ecologist which
3 describes the property as habitat for an endangered species, the
4 northern long eared bat. As described in the attached report, the
5 property is subject to significant limitations due to the presence
6 of the northern long eared bat. I understand that about a hundred
7 trees were previously removed from the property which are potential
8 habitat for the NLEB. These trees should be reestablished and the
9 habitat should be respected. The development of roads and noise
10 and vibration from vehicles as part of the development of the
11 property could result in impacts to the NLEB and in violation of
12 New York's endangered species requirements.

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14 At some point you will be presented with the latest round of
15 recommendations from the CHAB. One of them will be for a paved
16 road leading to the waterfront with a parking lot. This road will
17 not only severely impact the ecological integrity of the lower
18 portion populated by everything from shy wading birds to Muskrats
19 but bisect the newly amended areas of the New York State Freshwater
20 Wetlands map amended because of the efforts of the community, by
21 the way. Some of the recommendations being made by CHAB are
22 logistically impossible with trucks and trailers up to 60 feet
23 loading and unloading. Alienating the area just for a lessee, a
24 potential lessee, as Legislator Bontempi clearly interjected at the
25 last CHAB by announcing the uncertainty of the rowers.

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27 So why is planning for infrastructure for potential future use
28 going forward when there is still so much uncertainty surrounding
29 that use and so much ecological life to preserve? We urge this
30 Committee to support a pause during which some of the money that
31 has been appropriated be used to conduct an ecological study of the
32 impacts any further infrastructure will have on a site which has
33 been described as ecologically significant, unique and
34 irreplaceable. It is imperative to understand what stands to be
35 lost. Why is it that private citizens have had to use their own
36 money to protect a public asset held in trust by the County? A win
37 win for everyone financially, ecologically and publically would be
38 to designate the lower five acres a nature preserve. Thank you.

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40 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

41 Thank you very much. Any questions? Seeing none, thank you very
42 much, ma'am. Mr. Karpen. Good morning, Mr. Karpen.

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44 **DANIEL KARPEN:**

45 Good morning.

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47 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

48 You have three minutes, sir. Please.

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50 **DANIEL KARPEN:**

51 My name is Daniel Karpen. I'm a licensed professional engineer. I
52 reside at 3 Harbor Hill Drive, Huntington New York. Welcome to the
53 Daniel Karpen Show direct from the Suffolk County Legislature. I
54 am talking on behalf of myself. I do not represent anybody other
55 than myself. I am handing out to everybody on the Legislature from
56 Gretta Thunberg's climate book. This is a must read. Everybody

1 must read this book. And we are having a mini lesson today.

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3 Turn to page 81 of this book and what I've done is I have xeroxed a
4 graph showing the observed global sea level changes. And it shows
5 from the year 1900 to the year 2020 an approximate rise of 21
6 centimeters, which is approximately eight and a half inches. And I
7 want everyone of the students in this class to take a pen and where
8 it the satellite data ends and project what the sea level rise is
9 going to be in the near future. And if you look at the graph
10 between 1900 and 1935, there is roughly a straight line rise in the
11 sea level. But when you look at the satellite data, the slope of
12 the line is much greater, what we call in the differential calculus
13 the derivative. The rate of change is increasing -- is increasing
14 at the rate of three X square to cubic phenomena, you project
15 what's going on.

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17 Now the next thing we want to do is go down to Coindre Hall Park
18 and go down to the Coindre Hall Park and ask how high is the sea
19 level rise going to affect the boathouse? Already it's been eight
20 and a half inches since the boathouse was constructed in the year
21 1912 approximately. And we know that the boathouse flooded with
22 five feet of water during Hurricane Sandy. So we can expect that
23 this is going to continue and continue and continue. You must
24 decide whether or not to waste county money on the restoration of
25 the boathouse. Already you wasted \$800,000 on the restoration of
26 the seawall that caused ecological damage and did nothing good for
27 the park whatsoever. Any questions from the Legislators or to the
28 Park Commissioner?

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30 **PRESENTATION**

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32 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

33 Seeing none, thank you, Mr. Karpen. Would anyone else like to
34 address the Committee today? Seeing none, thank you very much
35 everyone who addressed the Committee today and for being here.

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37 Our first presentation today is from Mr. Christopher Pickerell
38 Marine Program Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension. He has a
39 presentation update on Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine
40 Program. Good morning, Mr. Pickerell. Thank you for joining us;
41 appreciate it. If you can just both state your names for the
42 record, please.

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44 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

45 Vanessa Lockel, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Executive Director.

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47 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

48 Nice to see you, Miss Lockel.

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50 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

51 Likewise.

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53 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

54 Christopher Pickerell, Director of the Marine Program, Cornell.
55 Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County.

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2 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

3 Thank you for being here, Mr. Pickerell. The floor is yours,
4 folks.

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6 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

7 Well, thanks for having me. This is not my first time here so I
8 appreciate you giving me the opportunity. It's, I think, my fourth
9 or fifth time. I'm going to go over a few review slides that
10 you've seen already. So I'll kind of speed through those but what
11 I really want to focus on is some of the newer stuff we're doing
12 since we last met. So with that I'll get the presentation underway
13 and I'll be followed by some comments from my Executive Director
14 Vanessa Lockel.

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16 So, again, this is just by way of review who we are, we're
17 affiliated with Cornell university. We're a 501 (c) (3)
18 not-for-profits. It's important to understand that. But our core
19 funding comes from you guys, about a quarter of it. So without
20 funding from Suffolk County we wouldn't exist. So none of the
21 projects I'm going to talk about today could exist without that.
22 Overall our program areas include agriculture, the county farm, ag
23 production for its youth development, community education and what
24 I'm going to speak to you today which is the Marine Program.

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26 We have approximately 160 employees but that balloons to maybe
27 close to 300 during the summer. Within the Marine Program I
28 oversee the activities of about 70 scientists, educators,
29 administrators who work throughout Suffolk County from one end to
09:27AM 30 the other. Our program areas include youth education, water
31 quality, habitat restoration, shellfish aquaculture and commercial
32 fishing and citizens science. And I'll touch on some of these
33 along the way.

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35 I'll start with our offices. Our offices are spread throughout
36 Suffolk County from Coindre Hall, which was just brought up, to the
37 Griffing Avenue office where Al Krupski has his office as well, to
38 a facility out in Southold at Cedar Beach so I've got staff at all
39 those locations for offices. And then moving onto our campsites,
09:28AM 40 they bracket the entire county from Fuchs Estate in Northport to
41 Babylon's port fishing facility on the south shore to Tiana in
42 Southampton; and then two camps in Southold. And the north shore,
43 the two east end sites are county-owned. The Tiana is town-owned.
44 We have an agreement with them. And then the Babylon is town-owned
45 as well.

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47 In terms of our camps, this is the breakdown. I'm not going to go
48 into detail on that. You've seen this before. In total we expect
49 to educate almost 3,000 children this summer. So we have different
50 levels of registration depending on where the camps are located and
51 what their capacities are. The largest most well known is Peconic
52 Dunes. Interestingly enough this year the Peconic Dunes staff,
53 which is part of my team, is moving over as well to the Southold
54 facility at Cedar Beach. So they'll be running a marine camp out
55 of that location so they bring a level of expertise and quality
56 that we're really looking forward to.

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2 Moving onto stormwater and water quality, as you know, we manage
3 Suffolk County's MS4 program with you. We help educate. We hold
4 classroom events as well as look at goose management, which I'll
5 talk about briefly; and just most recently looking at things like
6 beach closures. With regard to goose management, many of you are
7 aware of that, especially Legislator Kennedy, seems to be near and
8 dear to your heart for whatever reason. These are the latest
9 numbers we have so these are updated from Carolyn as of Friday. So
09:29AM 10 based on this work, we've been able to reduce the population, or at
11 least prevent the birth of about 77,000 Canadian geese which is
12 significant. And that results in the reduction of 18,000 tons of
13 waste which would have been going into local waters. So it's
14 really important to do work like that. The 2023 season is well
15 underway. Nesting has begun. Oiling has begun. As of Friday six
16 deaths were recorded and Suffolk County, Brookhaven, Smithtown have
17 all done the proper registration so we're good to go. And, again,
18 thanks to Legislator Kennedy for kind of spearheading this effort.
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09:30AM 20 Moving onto something new, and this is more focused on Legislator
21 Piccirillo, at his request we began to look at the -- what was
22 happening with beach closures, specifically on the south shore but
23 actually throughout Suffolk County. And this has never been seen
24 by the public but this is a new map we put together and we'll have
25 a meeting about this very soon. But this was my staff working with
26 staff at Office of Ecology and Department Health Services. They're
27 more than happy to share their data. We're able to put this
28 graphically on this map as you see before you. Probably not easy
29 for you to see at this scale. I only brought one hard copy; it's
09:30AM 30 not a very good one but, again, we can talk about it later, but
31 this just kind of looks -- it scores various sites throughout
32 Suffolk County that have been closed due to just rainfall events
33 versus due to chloroform bacteria counts. And, as you can see, the
34 north shore's mostly impacted by rainfall events. And we kind of
35 think that's due to the fact that some glacial moraine, the steep
36 embankments contributing water to the different embayments, maybe
37 that's what's going on. We haven't looked at it just yet in
38 detail. And then the south shore it's more due to bacterial
39 counts.
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41 And then -- anyway, I don't want to get into more detail. But just
42 note this is underway. And we're hoping to work with the County to
43 come up with a plan to try to prevent some of these closures but we
44 thought it had to do in some ways with the frequency of sampling of
45 but it seems like they're sampling as frequently as they can. So
46 that's not something that we can look at necessarily. But we can
47 look at source tracking and some other factors.
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09:31AM 49 Next slide, this has to do with habitat and kelp. And you did see
50 a presentation which one of my staff members when Vanessa was here,
51 I think in December, so I'm not going to go in great detail but
52 there are a number of projects underway. Our project is funded by
53 Lazy Point and they're working with the Robins Island Foundation.
54 And with that project we looked at three different sites. We
55 produced a total of, I guess, 1200 pounds of kelp comparing
56 Moriches Bay to Port Jeff to Montauk. And one of the changes this

1 year was that the DEC's requiring new growers to apply for a full
2 permit, which is different. So the permitting requirements change.
3 You need a full on, off bottom aquaculture permit which is much
4 more involved. So nobody was able to finish that on time. So at
5 least two growers were able to submit the application without
6 getting it approved and they are Violet Cove, which is -- I'll back
7 up for a second -- which is Sue Wicks, a former professional
8 basketball player that we work with. And the other one is Steve
9 Schott who works at Maris Stella in Montauk. So they're going to
10 be harvesting this April so we see how they do. But, again, it's
11 supporting the kind to compare and contrast sites. And those are
12 larger county projects in the Peconics that you guys funded as
13 well. So we're looking forward to the results of that.

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15 One new innovation is that we're looking at a new method of
16 propagating the kelp. And that involves culturing the male and
17 female components of the species. But really interestingly
18 normally we'd go out and harvest the wild blades that are
19 reproductive and then isolate the males and females and then get
20 them together so it's a crazy reproductive cycle. Anyway, this
21 kind of gets around that. So we're looking that as innovation.

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23 **LEG. FLEMING:**
24 Can I ask a question?

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26 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
27 Legislator Fleming.

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29 **LEG. FLEMING:**
30 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good morning, Chris.

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32 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
33 Good morning.

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35 **LEG. FLEMING:**
36 Can I ask you about the relationship with the Shinnecock
37 Reservation's program that they're doing with the nuns across the
38 bay? Are they providing seed -- I know when I spoke with some of
39 those ladies recently, they said that they were providing seed to
40 Violet Cove. Is there a relationship there between the Shinnecock
41 -- the project at the Shinnecock Reservation and what Cornell is
42 doing?

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44 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
45 Sorry, you're speaking relative to the kelp project?

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47 **LEG. FLEMING:**
48 Correct.

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50 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
51 Okay. I know they're working together. Vanessa was most recently
52 there. She can comment.

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54 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**
55 Yes, we were working very closely with Danielle Hobson. She's from
56 the Shinnecock Kelp Farmer's Group. And, yes, we work alongside --

1 Steven Schott is a co-collaborator with a lot of the work that
2 they're doing along with the Sister's of Saint Joseph. So
3 wonderful collaboration. And, yes, we are boots on the ground with
4 the Shinnecock sugar kelp group.

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6 **LEG. FLEMING:**

7 Or waders in the bay.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

12 Right. Snow boots, snow boots (indiscernible).

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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**

15 Can I ask you, though, with regard -- I know that we had heard --
16 so we're looking at kelp in the scallop program, right, so you're
17 trying to figure out if it's workable. And one of the pieces of
18 feedback that we continue to get is that it's a very intensive --
19 labor intensive harvest. Or actually it's the seeding, I think,
20 that takes a lot of hands on. And I understand that the Shinnecock
21 Program is doing as well as it is because they're very hands on.
22 They're far less mechanical than a lot of other farmers. And I
23 know it's tough work, you know, in the water. So just wondering if
24 you are aware of any of that; and if there is a relationship. I
25 know Sue Wicks is tough. I was a Liberty fan back in the '90s.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 But -- but, you know, I just wonder if there is work being done to
30 understand what methods are working and not and what kind of
31 interaction there is amongst all these different programs.

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33 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

34 So your question's about the grow out or any aspect of the culture
35 of the kelp?

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37 **LEG. FLEMING:**

38 Really just any aspect. I mean, my understanding was that the seed
39 was coming from Shinnecock because they were very successful. But
40 I don't know that -- I just am trying to understand. I don't know
41 anything about kelp farming so I'm just trying to learn.

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43 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

44 Okay. So there's basically little three phases. There's the
45 culturing and generating the seed strings which get wound on the
46 ropes. Then there's the deployment grow out and then there's the
47 harvest. It's three different things. So what I spoke to today
48 was the grow out. And we had produced seed strings ourselves and
49 work with others on the Island to do that. Now, one of the
50 innovation that we're talking about is this bottom point right here
51 (indicating) which nobody's done on Long Island just yet as far as
52 I know. So that's to simplify that part. In terms of the --

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54 **LEG. FLEMING:**

55 So what is that?

1 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

2 That's actually producing the baby kelp basically to put onto the
3 lines. So you have to basically seed these strings which then --
4 almost like spores which set on these strings and they get wound
5 around a rope which then gets deployed out in the bay.

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7 **LEG. FLEMING:**

8 That's what I'm a little confused about. Because I thought
9 Shinnecock -- I'm just not clear on who's doing what work, not that
09:36AM 10 it's critically important but I just would like to understand what
11 we've learned about the Shinnecock's approach, was, I understood,
12 was very successful with regard to creating the ropes. And I don't
13 know if that's true or not. I just wanted to --
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15 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

16 I actually do -- I apologize because I'm not a scientist. It's
17 going from what I saw. They are spooling very differently than the
18 way we've done. We usually use PVS that's a little smaller.
19 They've doubled the size. So you'll see that there is spooling
09:37AM 20 more so that when they go out into the water and they take what
21 they've prepared in fish tanks out into the water, they can spool
22 even more into the water making much more space, surface area
23 that's used up to create more seaweed. But it is a combined
24 collaborative effort because there's a lot of people helping each
25 other through this process. So, yes, they are spearheading
26 innovative new ideas. But we're working along side with them on
27 those ideas and ensuring that they're supported all along the way.
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29 **LEG. FLEMING:**

09:38AM 30 Thank you, Mr. Chair, for indulging because, we the County, are
31 investing in all three of these separate buckets of the same, you
32 know, sort of initiative -- undertaking, figuring out whether sugar
33 kelp is going to be successful here. So question to -- you know, I
34 just want to make sure that we're all working in the same place or
35 sharing that information in both directions. I had just heard that
36 the seeds were more successful coming from Shinnecock. And since
37 we're investing in that separately. We invest WQPRP money in
38 Shinnecock. Cornell is Cornell, which is so important; and the
09:38AM 39 Scallop Program, as you know, is also a program that's kind of
40 challenging to continue to support and see profit out of. So I
41 just wanted to make sure that everybody's talking to everybody.
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43 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

44 Absolutely. And as is open practice for us, if you would love to
45 do a site visit or if you would like us to bring everybody together
46 to provide a tour, even a Zoom tutorial about what's going on, we
47 would gladly facilitate that.
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49 **LEG. FLEMING:**

50 Will there be snacks?
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52 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

53 Not the seaweed kind that you didn't like the last time, but I
54 promise you better ones, better ones. They were good. You want
55 some? They'll be good.
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1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
2 There were too salty. My blood pressure --

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4 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**
5 We will bring you great snacks.

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7 **LEG. FLEMING:**
8 Thank you.

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10 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
11 So we can drill down to that more if you'd like to, Legislator
12 Fleming, it's totally up to you.

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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**
15 Appreciate it. Thank you.

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17 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
18 Thank you, Legislator Fleming.

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20 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
21 Thank you for the question. Another thing, actually this is in
22 your district as well, we received some funding from Accabonac
23 Harbor Protection Committee, and this, again, it's important and I
24 have to recognize the fact that you guys fund us at our core and
25 then we get other funding to do these different projects. So we're
26 not here without you. We can do it. So, in this case we're
27 looking at Spring School and kind of an ammonia plume that's
28 heading underground towards Accabonac Harbor and towards Pussy's
29 Pond so we just installed -- or we'll be installing some wells as
30 part of that project; so that's something that we can talk more in
31 detail if you'd like to in the future, but that's an area that
32 we're working quite a bit.

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34 Moving onto the shellfish, the large oyster shell in Southold is
35 where our main hatchery is. The other areas are small shells are
36 our nursery sites. We do some grow out Tiana Bay, Huntington
37 Harbor and some Southold as well as in Mattituck. This is our
38 facility. I welcome any of you to come and visit whenever you'd
39 like. It was state-funded by it's county-owned now, obviously,
40 it's on county property. And it's an incredible facility; it's the
41 largest of its kind in state in the region. A couple pictures on
42 the inside. So, again, any time you want to come visit, we're busy
43 this time of year so come on out.

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45 Valentine's Day is kind of the traditional start for our season so
46 this year we each had a spawn, an oyster spawn just before
47 Valentine's as well as one on Valentine's Day. Vanessa Lockel
48 attended. We had a huge spawn. We had 220 million oysters
49 produced as part of that. We had so many, we were giving them
50 away. We gave some to Islip; gave some to other -- some private
51 hatcheries, things like that because we want to, you know, spread
52 the love so to speak, especially on Valentine's Day.

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54 And this is -- this is our hatchery schedule. I just received this
55 last week from hatchery manager Josh Perry and this shows -- it
56 doesn't include the earlier spawns but you could see the spawn date

1 which is the third column, 3/14 down to 8/31 so I think there are
2 15 spawns here. So, if you want to come and witness any of these,
3 the terminology is there, oysters, oysters, spat on shell oysters,
4 rib mussels, spat on shell and just continues on down. So these
5 are all the spawns we have planned at that facility so it's being
6 utilized pretty effectively.

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8 Another new project we're working on since we last spoke with
9 oysters specifically is the Rotary Reef Project, which is out of
09:41AM 10 Huntinton, Gold Star Battalion Beach. And that has been very
11 successful in just the first year, getting many volunteers, a lot
12 of interest from that project. There was a press event last
13 summer. Legislator Bontempi was there. She's also been known to
14 head down to the docks and actually take care of oysters herself so
15 she's been cleaning and measuring and what have you so that was --
16 it's an incredibly successful project. We grow them in these
17 trays, grew some in our hatchery in Southold, bring them to
18 Huntington for grow out and then they end up by the lighthouse or
19 another sanctuary within the harbor.

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21 As part of that we're going to have a speaker series. I invite you
22 to Huntington Town Hall, so April 4th, May 2nd and June 6th,
23 talking about different aspects of this kind of work so just how
24 people can get involved with growing shellfish as well as how
25 oysters create habitat. And then finally in June how the shellfish
26 specifically filter and clean the waters.

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28 SPAT program you know all about. That's Suffolk project in
29 aquaculture training. We have about 300 members throughout Suffolk
09:42AM 30 County. Most of the growing takes place on the east end because of
31 the water quality. But we have many members at our Southold
32 facility as well as the Tiana bayside facility and then some
33 fortunate enough to have waterfront home with a dock in certified
34 waters can grow oysters there.

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36 Bay scallops, I'm not going to go into great detail here because
37 I've actually asked one of my staff members to come and make a
38 presentation at the next meeting about that, so you can really dig
39 in if you'd like to, but this shows some of the data which you all
09:43AM 40 heard about, I've talked about it already, but this indicates that
41 our fall monitoring tracks pretty well with a commercial harvest so
42 the commercial landings are the black line; the columns are
43 monitoring densities that we look it so it just shows the two
44 tracks so it makes sense to do that kind of thing. I'm not gonna
45 read all these basically but we're doing a lot out there; be more
46 than happy to talk in more detail after this meeting or, again, at
47 the next meeting when somebody will present about all these things.
48 Again, this is where the County's -- the core funding, in this
49 case, Robbins Island Foundation paid for what was called a fall
09:43AM 50 spawn which is a new thing we're looking at. We're also working a
51 lot with Stony Brook on genetics and parasite resistance, {Basa
52 Malam} at the lab there who's a wonderful collaborator.

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54 And then the horseshoe crabs. This is the time of season -- time
55 of year year to start looking into the horseshoe crab monitoring.
56 This is an article that came out in New York Times February of this

1 year. Why do we care? Biomedical. We just went through COVID or
2 maybe we're still in some aspects of COVID. The FDA approved
3 diagnostic for detecting gram negative bacteria in vaccines; is
4 based on the blood of horseshoe crabs so it was used for COVID 19
5 vaccines to prevent bacterial contamination. Ecologically it's
6 important for migratory shore birds. Relative to commercial
7 fishing it's used as a bate for whelk and eel fisheries.

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9 We help oversee and run a monitoring program with funding from the
09:44AM 10 DEC. That includes these (indicating), I think, it's 30 sites
11 throughout Long Island and on even to Staten Island. And that
12 happens throughout this time of year. It's the new moon and the --
13 spring full moon for about, I think, it's 16 events. This involves
14 tagging, counting, measuring, what have you, at these sites; very
15 popular activity. We got some dedicated volunteers to do this kind
16 of work. We also do some innovative acoustic telemetries using
17 state of the art technology for that. And this data's being used
18 to basically help define management of the species. So what we
09:45AM 19 found kind of, in short, is that -- and as you might imagine, each
20 of these sites looks a little different. So the horseshoe crabs
21 may arrive at a different time, may do a different thing. So it's
22 not one size fits all for the regulation so it's important that we
23 collect this data to generate that.

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25 Next is the offshore wind. And I have a handout. I'm not sure if
26 that made it around yet but that's just some more detail on what
27 we're doing there. We're going to hand that out and that just
28 speaks to what we're currently up to. So I have reported in the
09:46AM 29 past that we have a contract with Orsted to do baseline monitoring
30 of fishery species that are occurring within the impacted --
31 potential impacted areas as well as adjacent areas as a reference.
32 So the sheet that you're receiving right now is just kind of in
33 depth detail as to what we've found so far. And this is just
34 baseline data so it's going to give the number of species found,
35 the weight of those species found, the sampling events that
36 occurred. And then we're going to do this. We're doing this now
37 so we've done it prior to any construction. We'll do it during
38 construction and then post construction. Those data sets will be
09:46AM 39 compared so that the regulators can determine if and when and how
40 any impacts have taken place on these fisheries that are there, so.

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42 **LEG. FLEMING:**
43 May I?

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45 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
46 Legislator Fleming.

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48 **LEG. FLEMING:**
09:46AM 49 Thank you. Thank you, Chris, for this important work. And I have
50 to say it's good to know that the developer is getting out ahead of
51 this and recognizing the very, very real concerns. But how are you
52 determining the species that you're looking at?

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54 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
55 We're catching everything we can. So we're not excluding anything.
56 So whatever gets in that net is what we're counting.

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2 **LEG. FLEMING:**

3 So you're to be looking at overall, you set a baseline for
4 population as well as weight and --

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6 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

7 Yep, it's in there. So the number of -- number of -- the weight of
8 the species, the actual different species that occur, but if look
9 at that sheet it has a total weight. So we kind of get a sense of
09:47AM 10 the usage of the bottom by those species at different times of
11 year. So seasonally; what's species are there; how many are there;
12 what's the number; what's the total weight.
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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**

15 Okay. And we talked briefly before the meeting, you know,
16 obviously this work has been done in Europe so I hope that we can
17 rely on, you know, to some extent data that's been collected at
18 other wind farms. But can you talk a little bit about that? Like,
19 what is the relationship between -- I think you mentioned, well,
09:48AM 20 this is the specific site, you have specific conditions. To what
21 extent will this work be useful in, you know, as we talk about
22 further wind development across, you know, all the way along the
23 Atlantic shoreline.
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25 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

26 So this is the first data set of its kind developed for this region
27 so it's important that we do that in each of the regions where wind
28 farms or other impacts may take place in the future. So this will
29 contribute to the larger worldwide database of information that's
09:48AM 30 out there relative to wind farm construction and operation. Having
31 said that, data that's collected in Norway or Sweden is interesting
32 and could help guide management of what happens here but we have to
33 collect this data to determine specifically what's different about
34 the species that are different that are here; how they react to
35 whatever impacts there could be in the future. So we have to kind
36 of -- this has to be done regardless. It's going to contribute to
37 the larger scientific assessment of the industry.
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39 **LEG. FLEMING:**

09:48AM 40 But when you say region, how do you define the region? We're
41 looking at -- for instance, we just approved a landing at Smith
42 Point Park which is a county park. And so we're -- we're involved
43 in this. How do you define region? To what extent is this work
44 that you're doing gonna be applicable as, you know, we try to do
45 this work with the least harm moving well into the future.
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47 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

48 So I can say without question that this data is going to be better
49 than European data for what's happening at Smith Point County Park.
09:49AM 50 But without talking to my team and knowing whether the species
51 occurrence is any different here versus there, but I think it's
52 pretty good. But we wouldn't be able to compare this data to, say,
53 a landing in Long Island Sound for sure, so. I can't answer your
54 question specific. I'm not trying to be evasive but until we know
55 -- until I have more of a background as to -- there have been
56 trawls done, I'm sure, off Smith County Park for other regions. So

1 if we can look at that data, if it's the same or similar to what
2 we're seeing out here, then maybe we can make some assumptions.
3 But I can't say that right now.

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5 **LEG. FLEMING:**

6 What's the timeline for when you will be able to say more?
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8 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

9 So we're collecting before, during and after. So once we -- about
09:50AM 10 this project or about the Smith project, sorry.
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12 **LEG. FLEMING:**

13 No generally speaking, I mean, I think, this is extremely valuable
14 stuff, but we're working on -- you know, wind is rolling out, you
15 know, now and expanding in America and specifically here in New
16 York. So we need to be guided with the most, you know, useful
17 data, effective data, accurate data. There's a lot of emotion out
18 there. And so I'm excited to know that careful scientists are
19 actually collecting data. So my question is just to what extent
09:50AM 20 can we look forward to using this data as we're making decisions
21 about future projects?
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23 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

24 So we have to have all three data sets. So we're working on the
25 *before*, which is just about done, we need to do the *during* and it's
26 the *after*. So we have to compare those three data sets. And if
27 there's a significant difference between the *before* and *after*, then
28 that calls into question what's happening, what caused those
29 changes in species composition; species occurrence; overall weight;
09:51AM 30 things things like that. So until we collect that, we just won't
31 know.
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33 **LEG. FLEMING:**

34 And when say *after*, you mean after the installation of the
35 turbines.
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37 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

38 After the installation. Well, installation of the cables.
39 Turbines are way offshore, far away from this. So as you see on
09:51AM 40 the map, so we're talking about the immediate impacts onshore. The
41 offshore is something different entirely which we're not dealing
42 with as part of this project. We're looking at the transmission
43 cables that head onshore.
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45 **LEG. FLEMING:**

46 Perfect. And I don't think your slides are displaying.
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48 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

49 Because their cameras are not. But it'll go back up.
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51 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

52 Yeah, yeah.
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54 **LEG. FLEMING:**

55 Last question, any impacts on whales that are going to be known
56 from this work?

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2 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

3 That's a super hot topic that I'm not qualified to answer. I can't
4 imagine that there'd be impacts of the work that close to shore,
5 the cables. What's happening offshore and the pylons, I can't say.
6 I really can't.

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8 **LEG. FLEMING:**

9 Got it. Thank you.

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11 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

12 You're welcome.

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14 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

15 Before I go to Legislator Kennedy, I just have one quick question.
16 So if the cables present a negative impact, what happens?

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18 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

19 It's up to the federal government and the state regulators to
20 decide how to move forward and what to do next. It's not for us to
21 decide. We just collect the data.

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23 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

24 All right.

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26 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

27 So it may be that -- well, this has already been built. Now
28 whether they --

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30 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

31 Right.

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33 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

34 -- have them remove them or they just say no more.

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36 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

37 That's not going to happen.

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39 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

40 I don't know. Yeah, exactly.

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42 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

43 Too much many money's going to be already spent.

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45 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

46 Yeah, yeah.

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48 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

49 I see where this is going. Legislator Kennedy.

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51 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

52 Thank you again for coming out today. You always do a fabulous
53 job. Just a quick question. I read at the bottom of this the
54 abridged species overview but I don't see crustaceans or shellfish.
55 Are they looking at those also?

1 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

2 So we're looking at things like horseshoe crabs but I can't speak
3 to other species for sure. So I can get you that answer because
4 I'm not part of that research team, but this specifically was the
5 fin fish and that's what our focus was on because of the way some
6 of them feed.

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8 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

9 Yep.

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11 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

12 And it was thought that the electromagnetic, you know, field around
13 the cables would affect them.

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15 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

16 If you could ask --

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18 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

19 I would be happy to.

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21 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

22 That would be great.

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24 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

25 I'd be happy -- I'd be happy to, yes, yes.

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27 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

28 Thank you.

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30 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

31 You can proceed. Thank you.

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33 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

34 Thank you. And this is actually just winding down. So this is --
35 as part of the commercial fishing program, our fisheries team, we
36 have what's called local fish, which you've heard about before,
37 it's fresh, indigenous, sustainable and healthy. And Tara and
38 Kristen are the two that run that program. This has been very
39 successful.

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41 And this is actually my last slide. So one of the things we're
42 looking at is monkfish marketing, which sounds really bizarre and
43 that's a face only a mother could love, that fish down there, but
44 that's a species that they do come across quite a bit. There was
45 an Asian market for it, an export market until COVID hit; then they
46 found another source of a related fish so they don't buy these
47 anymore. So we're trying to kind of reinvigorate that market.
48 These are enough of these guys around, local fishermen can make a
49 living harvesting them so we're kind of working to support that.
50 And it's a, you know, local native species, reduce carbon
51 footprint, all the good things. So with that, that's it. Any
52 questions? Any more questions?

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54 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

55 I did want to just add a little bit to what Chris said. First and
56 foremost, thanks to each and every one of you for your ongoing

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1 support and dedication to the work that Cornell Cooperative
2 Extension is doing. As you can see, Marine is one of our biggest
3 divisions within Cornell Cooperative Extension and the amount of
4 work that they do is extensive. There's a lot of new updates that
5 were brought up today. Our intention with first quarter reporting
6 is just to give you guys an overview of what's happening. But as
7 you can see, a lot of exciting stuff.

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9 So I open door again the opportunity for site visits or Zoom
09:54AM 10 conversations, for the opportunity to dig deep on some of these
11 issues as it pertains to your district. Obviously we will continue
12 to do our government road show and we go out and we make sure that
13 all of our local officials including each and every one of you are
14 familiar with your district breakdown, what we're doing as this
15 pertains to you. Can SPAT come to you; can we do a nitrogen
16 mitigation project with you; is there a local fish event in your
17 future in your district. We would love to create those
18 opportunities for each of you and for you to get the word out on
09:55AM 19 some of these initiatives in your district so that they understand
20 why it's so important to support this. So, thank you again for all
21 your time. And I see that there's a couple of questions so I'll
22 let Chris get back on.

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24 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

25 Legislator Kennedy and then we'll go to Legislator Hahn.

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27 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

28 Could we have a copy of the PDF just for the three dates alone
29 where people can come and get some education as to how to start?

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31 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

32 And. And I think we're also sending out the PowerPoint
33 presentation, right.

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35 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

36 Oh, perfect. Thank you. Legislator Hahn.

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38 **LEG. HAHN:**

09:55AM 39 So I think you and I had talked about monkfish marketing and
40 bringing out a a tasting to our district?

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42 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

43 Yes.

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45 **LEG. HAHN:**

46 So I'm hoping that all Legislators know that --

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48 (Laughter)

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50 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

51 Not going to be pictures of the fish. You're not going to see it.

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53 **LEG. HAHN:**

54 I think it's cute.

1 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

2 You don't even know that people who eat and cook monkfish, when you
3 call it a poor man's lobster, they get very offended because it's
4 its own thing; it's its own delicious fish, so. But just know for
5 us who do not know, the taste is very delicious. Please check it
6 out if you haven't already.

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8 **LEG. HAHN:**

9 Yeah. No, no, no. So I really want to do a fish -- a local fish
09:56AM 10 tasting event, you know, figure out a way to get that done. Or
11 maybe even partner with my neighbor here on doing one so that, you
12 know, we can help market the local fishermen and fisheries and
13 something that you can help make them money. So we can -- we'd
14 love to do that. Thank you.

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16 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

17 Thank you, Legislator Hahn. Legislator Krupski.

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19 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

09:56AM 20 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm going to go all the way back to the
21 beginning of the presentation about the water quality issues and MS
22 program. And thank you, you know, managing the MS4 program. It's
23 important when you look at the beach closure slide that you had
24 there; to see how important to our economy that water quality is,
25 whether it's shellfish grow out or be able to bathe whenever you
26 feel like it, or swim.

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28 One thing that you mentioned was the goose management. One of the
29 problems, and I sit on the board of Suffolk County Soil & Water
09:57AM 30 Conservation District, one of the frustrations, if you go up
31 Northville Turnpike now in Riverhead, you can see on the west side
32 of the road where the snow fences were removed there's cover crop
33 that was put down on the farm, that's green. On the west side of
34 the snow fence where the geese ate all the cover crop all winter,
35 all that soil is exposed to soil and water erosion all winter long.
36 So you don't have the benefits of the cover crop taking up the
37 nutrients from the cropping season and sequestering that when it
38 gets plowed under. You just have the serious erosion problem
39 caused by the goose population.

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41 Is there any way that you could work with -- and it's a New York
42 State issue, they say it's a federally regulated waterfowl. But,
43 however, New York State does set the bag limit and they set the
44 season. It would be -- and this wasn't a great, I guess, goose
45 hunting year because of the weather. But is there any way that you
46 could advocate for, one, a nuisance permit on farmland to try to
47 prevent the geese from destroying the cover crop? Soil and Water
48 we do a lot of work on cover crop. We work closely with Cornell's
09:58AM 49 Ag Division on cover cropping, different cover cropping schemes,
50 trying to help growers of all ranges, whether they're small farmers
51 or large farmers, put in an effective cover crop to protect the
52 soil and to build soil health. And here you have New York State
53 working against agriculture saying, well, you can only harvest two
54 birds, in some cases one bird a day, good luck, they're going to
55 destroy your cover crop; you're going to spend all that time and
56 money. Cornell has spent all that time and money in research and

1 what not to try -- try to promote cover cropping. Suffolk County
2 Soil and Water Conservation District has spent money on no till
3 drills made available free of charge to growers to try to encourage
4 people to cover crop. And New York State DEC is saying, well, it
5 doesn't matter because now the geese are going to be able to eat
6 the cover crop and destroy all that work basically and degrade
7 water quality. And it affects not only -- so the goose population
8 affects not only groundwater quality because of the cover crop loss
9 but also service water quality as sediment, nutrients and, of
10 course, goose waste, flow into our surface waters. So how can we
11 effectively advocate -- and it'd be easy, this isn't like I need a
12 million dollars. This is, like, increase the bag limit and
13 increase the season and allow for a nuisance permit for growers so
14 they can go out there and discourage the geese from destroying all
15 that hard work.

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17 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

18 That's a good question. I think what we can do -- we definitely
19 would support that in some way, but we're only kind of one voice.
20 But maybe we can arrange some kind of meeting or workshop, we get
21 folks together to talk about it because you need constituents and
22 voters to pursue their senators and their assembly members to push
23 the DEC to do just that.

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25 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**

26 Just to add to that from an Avian Flu standpoint, we have been
27 notified of a outbreak Upstate and they're linking it to wildlife.
28 So it -- I'm not saying it's geese, obviously, but that is a
29 concern in our area as the wild fowl that are in the region.

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31 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

32 And they're also -- I mean, so you mention that, they're also going
33 to be very good at spreading soil borne diseases because they walk
34 through the mud all winter long and so they're spreading that from
35 field to field. They also contribute to poor water quality and
36 surface water is when they eat during the day on the farm fields;
37 and then they go and use our creeks and bays as their restrooms at
38 night. So that becomes a big problem as far as water quality goes.
39 Try to be polite.

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41 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**

42 Have you worked with the Farm Bureau at all? We work with them
43 very closely but that would be another advocate.

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45 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

46 They would be another partner in this, but they have been so far
47 unsuccessful at trying to do those two simple things of increasing
48 bag limits. And just getting a nuisance permit would be -- would
49 solve a lot of the problems because then you can be able to manage
50 it farm by farm. You gotta go through all that effort to put the
51 cover crop in and it's --

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53 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

54 I'd be happy to write a letter from the Committee if no one has an
55 objection.

1 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
2 Oh, thank you. And we might have to have -- to get all the
3 partners in the same room.

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5 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
6 Yeah.

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8 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
9 That's a very good idea to get the partners together to see what we
10 can accomplish. So, thank you.

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12 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
13 So, we'll talk about that afterwards.

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15 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
16 Good. Thank you.

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18 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
19 Thank you for the question.

10:01AM

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21 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
22 Thank you. Any other questions? Seeing none, thank you so much
23 for coming today. Wonderful presentation. And we'll talk offline.

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25 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
26 Thanks for having us.

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28 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
29 Thank you so much.

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31 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**
32 Thank you so much.

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34 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
35 Appreciate it. Thank you.

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37 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
38 Oh, I'm sorry, I did have one more question, if I could.

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40 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
41 Legislator Krupski.

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43 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
44 Got one more note here. So I see the effort to put oysters in
45 Huntington Harbor. And, of course, there's -- I don't know if you
46 know, but there's a little bit of controversy around the activities
47 of Gold Star Beach and Coindre Hall. Can you eat those oysters
48 when you seed them in the harbor?

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50 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
51 Well, you can but you would get sick potentially, so, no, no. It's
52 closed waters, uncertified.

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54 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
55 Uncertified, thank you.

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1 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
2 But that's in the harbor proper outside. It's seasonally
3 certified.

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5 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
6 What do you mean outside?

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8 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
9 Well, in the bay as opposed to the harbor proper. So we have a
10 sanctuary site right in front of Coindre Hall which is part of the
11 state project from a number of years ago.

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13 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
14 Yes.

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16 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
17 It's adding to that. Plus the site in between that and the dock
18 that's there.

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20 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
21 Okay.

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23 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
24 At Gold Star.

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26 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
27 Thank you.

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29 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
30 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. Legislator Trotta.

10:02AM

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32 **LEG. TROTТА:**
33 I just want to point -- I had monkfish on Friday night at Robkey's
34 and it was very good.

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36 **VANESSA LOCKEL:**
37 Oh, thank you.

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39 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
40 There you go. We got on convert already.

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42 **LEG. TROTТА:**
43 I just checked the menu to make sure that's what I had.

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45 **CHRISTOPHER PICKERELL:**
46 You gotta talk to the guy next to you and convince him. Thank you
47 very much really.

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49 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
50 Thank you so much, folks, appreciate it. Thank you for your time.

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52 **APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION**

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54 All right, we're gonna go back into our agenda. We have an
55 Appointment Resolution. **IR 1112, Reappointing Brian T. Culhane as**
56 **a member of the Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation**

1 **District. (Krupski).** Motion by Legislator Krupski; second by
2 Legislator Fleming. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those
3 in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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5 **CLERK TASSONE:**
6 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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8 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
9 1112 is approved.

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11 **TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

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13 We'll go into Tabled Resolutions. **1921-22, Authorizing the**
14 **appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking Water**
15 **Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007, 2384**
16 **Belmont Ave., LLC property - Town of Brookhaven (SCTM Nos.**
17 **0200-159.00-02.00-008.002 and 0200-159.00-02.00-008.003).** (Hahn).

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19 **LEG. TROTТА:**
20 Motion.

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22 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
23 Legislator Hahn, did you want to move this or do you want to table
24 it?

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26 **LEG. HAHN:**
27 So this one has to be tabled. I apologize. I want to move it.

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29 **LEG. TROTТА:**
30 Motion to table.

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32 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
33 Motion by Legislator Trotta; second by Legislator Hahn. Anyone on
34 the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
35 Abstentions?

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37 **CLERK TASSONE:**
38 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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40 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
41 1921-22 is tabled. **1069, Approving a License Agreement for a**
42 **County employee to reside at West Neck Farm County Park, 101 Browns**
43 **Road, Huntington, New York 11743. (Co. Exec.).** Motion by
44 Legislator Trotta; second by myself. Anyone on the motion? Seeing
45 none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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47 **CLERK TASSONE:**
48 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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50 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
51 Excuse me. Motion was to table. 1069 is tabled.

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53 **CLERK TASSONE:**
54 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

2 **1070, Approving a License Agreement for a County employee to reside**
3 **at Robert Cushman Murphy County Park, 294 Old River Road,**
4 **Manorville, New York. (Co. Exec.). Motion to table by Legislator**
5 **Trotta; second by myself. Anyone on the motion? 1070 is a motion**
6 **to approve, sorry, the note was wrong on here. I'll make that**
7 **motion; second by Legislator Trotta. All those in favor of the**
8 **motion to approve? Opposed? Abstentions?**

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10 **CLERK TASSONE:**

11 **Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)**

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13 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

14 **1070 is approved. 1071, Approving a License Agreement for a County**
15 **employee to reside at Blydenburgh County Park, 795 Veterans**
16 **Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York 11787. (Co. Exec.). Motion**
17 **to table by Legislator Kennedy; second by Legislator Trotta.**
18 **Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?**
19 **Abstentions?**

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21 **CLERK TASSONE:**

22 **Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)**

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24 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

25 **1071 is tabled. 1073, Approving a License Agreement for a County**
26 **employee to reside in at Southaven County Park, 801 Sunrise Highway**
27 **Service Road, Yaphank, New York. (Co. Exec.). Same motion, same**
28 **second, same vote.**

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30 **CLERK TASSONE:**

31 **Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)**

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33 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

34 **1073 is tabled.**

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36 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

37 **Mr. Chair?**

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39 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

40 **Legislator Krupski.**

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42 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

43 **Before we get into the Introductory Resolutions, could we have the**
44 **Parks Commissioner come up?**

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46 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

47 **Sure. Commissioner Smagin. Legislator Smagin -- (laughter) --**
48 **Commissioner Smagin. It's a pay cut, sorry, pal. Legislator**
49 **Krupski.**

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51 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

52 **So, if you could just -- there were a lot of questions about the**
53 **designation of Coindre Hall. If you could answer that question**
54 **about what its designated use should be; what you think it should.**
55 **And also I have one follow-up question but the end use of the park**
56 **itself.**

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2 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

3 So as discussed in the past, it's designated as historic. It
4 doesn't have a -- when a property gets designated as historic, it
5 could have an additional designation of passive or active. This
6 one was just designated as historic only.

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8 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

9 The testimony that was given by someone last year was inaccurate?

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11 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

12 I would have to listen to the total testimony from the advisory
13 board on what was discussed.

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15 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

16 Okay.

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18 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

19 But as I've stated on the record, it is only restricted as
20 historic.

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22 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

23 Okay, thanks. What do you think the end use of the park will be
24 then once -- going forward?

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26 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

27 So, as has been discussed, the boathouse use would most likely
28 include space for the rowing organizations and also possible
29 exhibit space for kind of maybe clean water initiatives and things
30 like that. Parks Department has discussed that with certain groups
31 about that possibility.

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33 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

34 So, you brought up the boathouse and it was -- the testimony today
35 was that it was flooded by five feet of water during Sandy. Would
36 you say that is accurate?

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38 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

39 I would have to look into that. I was not in this role during that
40 time.

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42 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

43 Okay. So, if that's the case, I mean, if it was four and a half
44 feet or five and a half feet or whatever the distance was, is that
45 a building that's going to be rebuilt? I mean, I've seen it. Or
46 is that a building that's going to be restored? Torn down and
47 rebuilt or restored?

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49 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

50 No, it's going to be restored. So the first step would be to start
51 with stabilization work and then it would be kind of doing
52 restoring of the inside of the building.

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54 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

55 So obviously if it suffered that kind of flooding, you wouldn't
56 restore it to its current elevation, I hope.

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2 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

3 Again, we're working with DPW and there's engineers who would be
4 the experts; who would be able to opine over whether it should be
5 lifted or stay at its current elevation.

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7 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

8 I mean, I'm not an engineer but I know that if it floods, you
9 wouldn't spend six million or plus restoring something that would
10 be flooded in the next storm, I hope.

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12 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

13 A lot of times boathouses are built in a certain way because water
14 does come in from random storms so it's built in certain ways to
15 kind of allow for that. And it's done in certain a way that
16 there's not significant damage if water does come in that would
17 have to be kind of rehabilitated or things like that. So I do
18 believe all of those things are being taken account.

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20 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

21 Was this built that way?

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23 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

24 Again, since -- originally it's been there for a hundred years. It
25 has not come down. It's still standing. It was used up until 15
26 years ago so you're talking about a hundred-year-old structure that
27 was used for that entire time so I think it was built pretty
28 successfully.

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30 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

31 All right. And do you think -- I guess it's a -- who's going to
32 make the final decision whether we should spend that much money
33 given the fact that there's so money other needs and so many other
34 acres and so many other buildings in Suffolk County parks.

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36 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

37 So, again, the Legislature approves the budget every area. So it
38 would come before the Legislature, not only the budget but also any
39 type of appropriation when it comes to these different locations.

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41 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

42 Great. Well, thank you. I appreciate the insight. Thank you, Mr.
43 Chair.

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45 **INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

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47 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

48 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. Legislator Trotta.

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50 **LEG. TROTТА:**

51 No.

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53 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

54 You're good? Anyone else? Seeing none, thank you, Commissioner, I
55 appreciate it.

1 Okay, we are going to get into our Introductory Resolutions. **IR**
2 **1113, Authorizing an appraisal for the Purchase of Development**
3 **Rights of Farmland under the Suffolk County Drinking Water**
4 **Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007 – Youngs**
5 **Farm Associates LP property – Town of Riverhead (SCTM No.**
6 **0600-017.00-04.00-003.001 p/o). (Krupski).**

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8 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
9 Motion.

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11 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
12 Do we want to see it?

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14 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
15 Yeah, we do. Oh, absolutely, yeah.

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17 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
18 Anybody here? Oh, Mikael, there we go. Thank you, Mr. Kerr. Good
19 morning.

10:10AM

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21 **MR. KERR:**
22 Good morning, everyone. Mikael Kerr from the Department of
23 Economic Development & Planning. So, this is a farm property
24 located in the Town of Riverhead. The total property is
25 approximately 69 acres. The Farmland Committee reviewed a
26 potential 39.15 acres for the proposed acquisition of development
27 rights. The Farmland Committee did approve it. It received 15 out
28 of 25 points on the farmland rating sheet. And there will be some
29 cutouts towards the north end of the property where it's currently
30 wooded as well as where some structures are on the front of the
31 property on the street frontage. I have some maps that I can pass
32 around.

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34 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
35 Do they have the maps in the --

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37 **MR. KERR:**
38 I don't believe so.

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40 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
41 All right, we have them there; that way just so we can see them.
42 Thank you.

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44 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
45 Thank you. Could I ask a question?

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47 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
48 Sure can.

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50 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
51 It's about the rating sheet. Because it's on Sound Avenue, I think
52 that -- and I don't want to use the word stingy here, but I think
53 -- no, I wouldn't use that word but I think maybe you want to take
54 a look at the historic nature of that site and maybe reevaluate the
55 rating; what's reflected on the rating sheet.

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MR. KERR:

Sure.

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:

Is that sand there, Mr. Kerr?

MR. KERR:

No, that's just the way the printer came out.

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:

Oh, okay.

MR. KERR:

Yeah, they're currently in sod production and asparagus.

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:

Nice.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

I'm just referring to E (4) where it does certainly have historical significance and certainly community benefit to preserve that active farmland on Sound Avenue.

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:

Go ahead, Mr. Kerr.

MR. KERR:

We'll look into that and we can add that to the rating.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

Thank you. I'll retract the word "stingy," then, from the --

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:

Strike "stingy" from the record. Any other questions regarding this IR? Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:

It is important to note historic significance. So, thank you, for your flexibility there.

MR. KERR:

Yes, the farm has been in production for over 70 years.

LEG. TROTTA:

You're cutting out the part by the Sound?

MR. KERR:

Correct, because it's not in active agricultural production.

LEG. TROTTA:

So can we buy back -- do they want to appraise that separately?

MR. KERR:

We can raise that point with them separately for the open space.

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LEG. KRUPSKI:
We have raised that point with the owners. So they're considering it.

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
Thank you. Any other questions?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
And actually on A (4) there is a large amount of protected farmland nearby also. All the land -- if you look at the -- if you look at the smaller map, the locator map, all that land to the south is preserved either in the town or county program. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
Thank you, Legislator Krupski. Okay. Motion by Legislator Krupski on 1113; second by myself. Anyone on the motion?

CLERK TASSONE:
Legislator Kennedy already seconded --

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
Legislator Kennedy, you have a question.

CLERK TASSONE:
I think she had a second on the motion.

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
Oh, you had a second already? Perfect. Okay, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
1113 is approved. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. **1114, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the Proposed Replacement of County Road 80 (CR 80) Montauk Highway Bridge over Long Island Rail Road (Hampton Bays Overpass), Town of Southampton. (Pres. Off.).** Motion by Legislator Fleming; second by Legislator Krupski. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
1114 is approved. **IR 1116, Authorizing use of Smith Point County Park property by Mastic Beach Fire Department, Inc. For Public Safety Services Fund Drive. (Mazzarella).** Motion by Legislator Caracappa; second by myself. Anyone on the motion. Seeing none --

LEG. TROTTA:
Put that on the consent calendar.

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
Yeah, we'll move that to the consent calendar, Mr. Clerk, 1116.

1 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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3 **CLERK TASSONE:**
4 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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6 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
7 1116 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. IR 1120,
8 Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking
9 Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007,
10 Southern Townline, LLC – Town of Smithtown (SCTM No.
11 0800-164.00-04.00-002.000). (Kennedy). Mr. Kerr, you're up.

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13 **MR. KERR:**
14 Sure. So this is a 9.84 acre property located in the town of
15 Smithtown within the hamlet of Nesconset. It did only receive a
16 rating of 16 out of a hundred points. But, however, it did receive
17 points for its location within the hydro-geologic zone one as well
18 as its size and as well as its location near a trail alignment. It
19 also does align with the County's goals requiring more properties
10:15AM 20 in western Suffolk which isn't necessarily captured in the rating.
21 So it would be -- it's being considered for -- potentially for
22 passive recreational use.

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24 **LEG. TROTTA:**
25 Motion.

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27 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
28 Motion to approve by Legislator Kennedy; second by Legislator
29 Trotta. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor?
10:16AM 30 Legislator Hahn.

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32 **LEG. HAHN:**
33 I just want to be oriented a little bit where this is.

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35 **LEG. KENNEDY:**
36 (Spoke off the mike)

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38 **LEG. HAHN:**
39 And so the pink -- oh, that's Smithtown property, the pink?

10:16AM 40
41 **MR. KERR:**
42 Correct, yes.

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44 **LEG. KENNEDY:**
45 That is a park that's ever increasing in size.

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47 **LEG. HAHN:**
48 Yeah, yeah, no, it would be good to connect. I'm just looking at
49 --

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51 **LEG. KENNEDY:**
52 Purely for percolation purposes. It's treed. It's pretty
53 pristine. It only had a shack on it.

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55 **LEG. HAHN:**
56 Can we get a walking path in it, do you think, so the neighbors can

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3 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

4 You could. The kids go in all the time. And it's not a bad thing.
5 They don't destroy it, they don't burn it, they don't do anything.
6 It's a nature thing where they sit.

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8 **LEG. HAHN:**

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9 It's surrounded by so many homes and, you know, there's a national
10 effort to have a park within a ten-minute walk from every American
11 home. And so, you know -- while the town one is there, this would
12 be very convenient for a very densely developed neighborhood if we
13 can just, you know, commit to adding a walking trail.

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15 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

16 And we just closed --

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18 **LEG. HAHN:**

19 I know.

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21 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

22 We just closed two wells in the last five and sooner years in that
23 area. So we do need area for percolation for both the towns of
24 Islip and --

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26 **LEG. HAHN:**

27 And what's the green in the corner? Which county park is that?
28 I'm still a little confused as to exactly where we are.

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30 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

31 It's where I have my -- my concerts. I can't think of the real
32 name. We call it Gazebo Park but that's not the real name of it.

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34 **LEG. HAHN:**

35 Down in the corner there?

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37 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

38 Yes.

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40 **LEG. HAHN:**

41 The bottom south, southwest. I'm just -- I'm trying to --

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43 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

44 It's next to the Nesconset Library.

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46 **LEG. HAHN:**

47 Yes, okay. Oh, so this is north of -- no.

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49 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

10:18AM

50 Yes, north of that.

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52 **LEG. HAHN:**

53 Okay. Thank you.

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55 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

56 Thank you, Legislator Hahn. We have a motion and a second. Anyone

1 else on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
2 Abstentions?

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4 **CLERK TASSONE:**
5 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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7 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
8 1120 is approved. 1123, Authorizing the acquisition of Farmland
9 Development Rights under the New Suffolk County ¼% Drinking Water
10 Protection Program (effective December 1, 2007) for the Luce
11 property (Pendleton's Harvest Moon Farm) - Town of Riverhead - SCTM
12 No. 0600-008.00-02.00-013.008 p/o - to be merged. (Co. Exec.).

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14 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
15 Motion.

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17 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
18 Motion by Legislator Krupski; second by Legislator Fleming. Anyone
19 on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
20 Abstentions.

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22 **CLERK TASSONE:**
23 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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25 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
26 1123 is approved. 1125, Appropriating funds in connection with
27 Historic Restoration and Preservation Fund (CP 7510). (Co. Exec).
28 Motion by myself; second by Legislator Hahn. Anyone on the motion?
29 Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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31 **CLERK TASSONE:**
32 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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34 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
35 1125 is approved. 1126, Authorizing use of Indian Island County
36 Park in Riverhead by Help America Hear, Inc. For its "Run to Help
37 America Hear" 5K event. (Co. Exec). Motion by Legislator Krupski;
38 second by Legislator Fleming. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none,
39 Mr. Clerk, let's place 1126 on the consent calendar. All those in
40 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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42 **CLERK TASSONE:**
43 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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45 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
46 1126 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. 1127,
47 Authorizing use of Blydenburgh County Park in Smithtown by the Care
48 Center, Inc. DBA Soundview Pregnancy Services for its Walk for Life
49 Walk-A-Thon. (Co. Exec). Motion by Legislator Kennedy; second by
50 myself. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor?
51 Opposed? Abstentions?

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53 **LEG. FLEMING:**
54 Abstain.

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1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
2 Mark an abstention for Legislator Fleming, please.

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4 **CLERK TASSONE:**
5 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-1-0)

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7 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
8 Thank you. 1128, Authorizing use of Blydenburgh County Park in
9 Smithtown by Corporate Fun Run, Inc. For its Corporate Fun Run Long
10 Island 5K event. (Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Kennedy; second
11 by Legislator Trotta. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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13 **CLERK TASSONE:**
14 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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16 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
17 1128 is approved and let's place that on the consent calendar as
18 well. 1129, Authorizing use of Indian Island County Park in
19 Riverhead by Strong Island Running Club for its Super Dad 5K
20 Walk/Run event. (Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Fleming; second
21 by Legislator Caracappa. Anyone on the motion? We'll place 1129
22 also on the consent calendar. All those in favor? Opposed?
23 Abstentions?

10:20AM

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25 **CLERK TASSONE:**
26 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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28 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
29 1129 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. IR 1130,
30 Authorizing use of Blydenburgh County Park in Smithtown by
31 Elitefeats, Inc., for the OG 5K Run event. (Co. Exec.). Motion by
32 Legislator Kennedy; second by Legislator Caracappa. Let's place
33 that on the consent calendar as well. All those in favor?
34 Opposed? Abstentions?

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36 **CLERK TASSONE:**
37 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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39 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
40 1130 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. 1138,
41 Authorizing use of Indian Island County Park in Riverhead by North
42 Fork Environmental Council, Inc., for its Earth Day 5K race. (Co.
43 Exec.). Motion by Legislator Fleming; second by myself. All those
44 in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1138 is approved and placed on
45 the consent calendar.

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47 **CLERK TASSONE:**
48 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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50 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
51 Thank you, sir. IR 1141, Authorizing use of Cathedral Pines County
52 Park in Middle Island by Patchogue Arts Council, Inc. For its Jerry
53 Jam Music Festival Fundraiser. (Co. Exec). Motion by Legislator
54 Caracappa; second by myself. Anyone on the motion? Also place
55 that on the consent calendar. All those in favor? Opposed?
56 Abstentions?

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CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
1141 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. **1142, Authorizing use of Indian Island County Park in Riverhead by Strong Island Running Club for its Pine Barrens Trail 5K event. (Co. Exec.).** Motion by Legislator Fleming; second by Legislator Caracappa. Anyone on the motion? We'll also place that on the consent calendar. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
1142 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. **1143, Authorizing use of Blydenburgh County Park in Smithtown by Elitefeats, Inc., for the Great Pumpkin Dash 5K event. (Co. Exec.).** Motion by Legislator Kennedy; second by Legislator Trotta. We'll place that on the consent calendar as well. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
1143 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. Okay. **1167, Appropriating PAYGO funds in connection with Heavy Duty and Other Equipment for County Parks (CP 7011). (Co. Exec.).** Motion by Legislator Caracappa; second by myself. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
1167 is approved. **1169, Appropriating funds in connection with Renovations at Historic Blydenburgh Park (CP 7507). (Co. Exec.).** Motion by Legislator Kennedy; second by Legislator Trotta. Anyone on the motion? See none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:
1169 is approved. **1180, Amending Resolution No. 835-2019, reallocating planning/construction funding in connection with the Gin Lane Stormwater Improvement Project, Village of Southampton (CP 8240.127/.342). (Co. Exec.).** Motion by Legislator Fleming; second by myself. Anyone on the motion? Seeing, none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**
2 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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4 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
5 1180 is approved. 1181, Amending Resolution No. 211-2020,
6 extending funding in connection with the Old Town Pond Green
7 Infrastructure Project within the Village of Southampton (CP
8 8240.130 and .344). (Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Fleming;
9 second by myself. Legislator -- anybody on the motion? This is
10 1181. On the motion, Legislator Caracappa.

10:23AM

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12 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
13 Yes, please; just wanted to know the progress status of this
14 project.

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16 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
17 If somebody from Parks can come up and explain this to us, please.
18 Just state your name for the record, please. Thank you.

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20 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
21 My name is Jennifer McGivern, Suffolk County Department of Economic
22 Development & Planning. The status of this project Old Town Pond
23 Green Infrastructure Project, it is currently underway and will be
24 completed by the end of this year.

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26 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
27 Okay, underway in what capacity?

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29 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
30 Well, the reason for this resolution is because they had some
31 delays initiating the project due to COVID-19. The original
32 resolution was passed in April of 2020. They have the planning
33 work done and they will be doing construction this summer.

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35 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
36 So it's a planning and design that's completed; not actual --

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38 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
39 The construction will be done during the summer.

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41 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
42 Okay, thank you.

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44 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
45 Thank you, Legislator Caracappa. Anyone else? Seeing none, we
46 have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed?
47 Abstentions?

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49 **CLERK TASSONE:**
50 Seven -- six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-1/LEGISLATOR TROTTA NOT PRESENT)

10:24AM

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52 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
53 1181 is approved. 1182, Amending the Adopted 2023 Operating Budget
54 to transfer funds from Fund 477 Water Quality Protection amending
55 the 2023 Capital Budget and Program, and appropriating funds in
56 connection with the Sag Harbor Sewershed L Construction Project (CP

1 **8710.344). (Co. Exec.).** Motion by Legislator Fleming; second by
2 Legislator Krupski. Anyone on the motion?

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4 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
5 On the motion.

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7 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
8 Legislator Caracappa.

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10 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
11 I'd like to know about the connection fee, if the County's
12 providing funding. Should there not be a connection fee to the
13 residence?

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15 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
16 Somebody here to answer that for Legislator Caracappa? Thank you.
17 Stay close just in case.

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19 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
10:25AM 20 We are providing \$250,000 towards construction. The project is
21 much larger than that. And the village is providing matching funds
22 that match the \$250,000 and exceed that.

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24 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
25 And what is proposed cost per resident for connections?

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27 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
28 I do not have that information but I can contact the Village of Sag
29 Harbor.

10:25AM 30
31 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
32 Yeah, I mean we're not getting a lot of information. So maybe you
33 can come back with some information or have it forwarded to us.

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35 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
36 Okay.

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38 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
39 I'm going to motion to table this one.

10:26AM 40
41 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
42 Okay.

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44 **LEG. FLEMING:**
45 Can I ask that we discharge it, then, without recommendation? It's
46 a critically important program.

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48 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
49 I would support that.

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51 **LEG. FLEMING:**
52 Thank you. This is \$250 in the sewer project.

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54 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
55 I'll withdraw my motion.
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1 **LEG. FLEMING:**
2 A drop in the proverbial bucket. Thank you.

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4 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
5 I get it.

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7 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
8 Motion to discharge without recommendation by Legislator Fleming;
9 second by Legislator Caracappa.

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11 **LEG. FLEMING:**
12 And, Jennifer, I think --

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14 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
15 On the motion, Legislator Fleming.

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17 **LEG. FLEMING:**
18 Sorry. If we just get the application to the WQPRP Committee,
19 that'll probably answer some of the Legislators' questions.

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21 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
22 Okay.

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24 **LEG. FLEMING:**
25 I don't know what your specific questions are, Nick, but I think
26 the application is probably pretty thorough.

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28 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
29 Right.

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31 **LEG. FLEMING:**
32 Thank you.

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34 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
35 Legislator Krupski.

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37 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
38 If you can send that out before the meeting so we'll be prepared
39 before we get to the meeting.

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41 **JENNIFER McGIVERN:**
42 Okay. No problem.

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44 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
45 Thank you.

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47 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
48 We have a motion to discharge without recommendation. We have a
49 second. Anyone on that motion? Seeing none, all those in favor?
50 Opposed? Abstentions?

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52 **CLERK TASSONE:**
53 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-1/LEGISLATOR TROTTA NOT PRESENT)

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55 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
56 1182 is discharged without recommendation to the General Meeting.

1 Thank you. 1185, Amending the 2023 Capital Budget and Program and
2 appropriating funds in connection with Improvements to County
3 Marinas (CP 7109). (Co. Exec.). I'll make that a motion. I need a
4 second. Second by Legislator Krupski. Anyone on the motion?
5 Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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7 **CLERK TASSONE:**
8 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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10 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
11 1185 is approved. 1228, Appropriating funds in connection with
12 Waterproofing, Roof and Drainage at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt
13 Museum (CP 7439). (Bontempi). Motion to approve; second by
14 Legislator Hahn. Anyone on the motion?

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16 **LEG. FLEMING:**
17 On the motion.

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19 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
20 On the motion, Legislator Fleming.

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22 **LEG. FLEMING:**
23 I note that -- thank you, Mr. Chair. I note that this and two
24 resolutions following are all using capital funds at Vanderbilt;
25 just wondering if someone can talk to us about how that is, if it
26 is, being offset by the Enterprise Fund.

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28 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
29 Yes, you're on.

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31 **MS. HALLORAN:**
32 Yes, these are planned to be -- the debt service will use the
33 Vanderbilt Museum Enterprise Fund. It's annual two percent
34 distribution from the Vanderbilt Museum's endowment. And there's
35 278 thousand and twelve in the 2023 adopted operating budget.

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37 **LEG. FLEMING:**
38 What is the figure? I'm sorry two thousand twelve what?

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40 **MS. HALLORAN:**
41 Two hundred seventy eight thousand and twelve.

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43 **LEG. FLEMING:**
44 Thousand dollars?

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46 **MS. HALLORAN:**
47 Dollars.

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49 **LEG. FLEMING:**
50 Okay. I'm just seeing -- so it's 1.2 million. I'm asking because
51 we did have a presentation fairly recently by the manager of the
52 fund who suggested that it might be sensible at this point to
53 increase the risk in the fund to a certain extent because the 2
54 percent is a conservative measure that's being carried over. So I
55 think that fund is being so well managed. And Mr. Calarco --
56 Legislator Calarco worked very hard to get that set up and moving

1 in a direction where the Vanderbilt will hold its own a little bit
2 better if the funding is there. If it's not, it's a critically
3 important historical structure. If the funding is there and it can
4 relieve some of the strain on the county budget, I think, it's
5 very, very important to look at it. So just wondering if there is
6 a cost benefit that's being done with regard to each of these
7 projects. And if so, how does the Enterprise Fund get engaged; how
8 is it decided whether we go to the county's coffers or the trust?
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10 **MS. HALLORAN:**

11 Well, this -- that amount of money, that 278,000 was already
12 included in by their using the June -- I believe the June 30th
13 amount from the year before to establish the 2 percent to go into
14 the Enterprise Fund. So that amount was established last year so
15 we could put it in the 2023 adopted operating budget. But it'll
16 have to be something that will be -- you're right, you'll have to
17 keep an eye on. And, you know, any additional funds that
18 Vanderbilt Museum requests will be on top that. They could request
19 funding on top of that.
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21 **LEG. FLEMING:**

22 Would it be possible to give us a report, I'm not asking for
23 anything formal or fancy but just something that would indicate the
24 balance with these three resolutions between the taxpayer funds and
25 the Vanderbilt endowment? Just so that we, as you say, it makes
26 sense to keep an eye on it.
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28 **MS HALLORAN:**

29 Right.
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31 **LEG. FLEMING:**

32 Just so that we are -- you know, we can reassure the public that we
33 are, you know, keeping a careful eye. I think it would be helpful
34 to know to what extent that's been considered. I don't know if
35 that's something that you could even just in a simple e-mail --
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37 **MS. HALLORAN:**

38 Yes, we can certainly get something like that to you.
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40 **LEG. FLEMING:**

41 Prior to Tuesday; is that asking too much?
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43 **MS. HALLORAN:**

44 I think we can do that for you for Tuesday in an e-mail probably.
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46 **LEG. FLEMING:**

47 Before the General Meeting. That's great. Thank you very much.
48 Thank you, Mr. Piccirillo.
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50 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

51 Thank you, Legislator Fleming. Legislator Kennedy.
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53 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

54 This is also a question for Budget Review. I just want to make
55 sure I'm understanding this correctly. The \$278,012 is the 2
56 percent?

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2 **MS. HALLORAN:**

3 Yes.

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5 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

6 Okay. So these -- and not that I am not for it because we do have
7 to fix roofs and waterproof, but between the three introductory
8 resolutions, it's 1.6 million. So the rest of it will be serial
9 bonds; correct?

10:32AM 10

11 **MS. HALLORAN:**

12 I think basically the amount in the -- it's not the total amount.
13 It's the amount of the debt service each year that you have to pay
14 on the serial bonds that this 278,000 is going towards. In other
15 words, they're going to be bonded and then there's going to be a
16 certain amount of debt service due each year and that's the money
17 that's going to go towards debt service.

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19 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

20 Okay, that's much better. Thank you.

10:32AM 20

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22 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

23 Anyone else? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
24 Abstentions?

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26 **CLERK TASSONE:**

27 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-2/LEGISLATORS KRUPSKI & TROTTA NOT PRESENT)

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29 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

30 1228 is approved. We're going to go back one second to 1185
31 amending the 2023 capital budget and program appropriating funds in
32 connection with improvements to county marinas. Couple Legislators
33 had questions and I went a little fast. So Chair recognizes
34 Legislator Caracappa. Can I have somebody -- yeah, thank you,
35 Commissioner.

10:33AM 30

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37 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

38 Good morning. He was rolling through so fast it got by me, so,
39 just a few questions. How long ago was the previous construction
40 done; and do we know who's responsible for dumping of the debris of
41 this project?

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43 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

44 So in regard to the project, it's about complete. So we are
45 projected to be open for this season. One of the things that came
46 to fruition with the project is that DPW realized there were no
47 formulized pathways. So they actually are asking for this money to
48 be moved from planning into construction to be able to therefore
49 put in hard structure pathways throughout the marina. We're very
50 supportive of that. We think it would, you know, it's something
51 that should be included. You know, and, again, they're just asking
52 for the amendment of moving planning money over to construction.

10:34AM 50

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54 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

55 And are we responsible for the removal of all the debris in this
56 construction site?

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2 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

3 Yeah, so, in regards to the debris that was discovered, we would
4 have to look into exactly when the projected was placed there.
5 They're saying from previous construction. I'd have to even look
6 into how long ago the marina was done where possibly because there
7 hasn't been any type of construction here within -- for years.

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9 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

10 All right. If you can just get back to us on some of that.

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12 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

13 Yeah, no, we'll absolutely look into it. And, of course, if
14 there's anything in there, we'll work with the correct authorities
15 as well.

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17 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

18 Thank you, Commissioner.

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20 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

21 Thank you, Legislator Caracappa. I beg your pardon, I was going a
22 little fast there, didn't I? Okay. Let's move down to **IR 1229,**
23 **Appropriating funds in connection with Restoration of Facades at**
24 **Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum (CP 7441). (Bontempi).** Motion by
25 Legislator Hahn; second by myself. Anyone on the motion? Seeing
26 none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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28 **CLERK TASSONE:**

29 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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31 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

32 IR 1229 is approved. IR 1230, Amending the 2023 Capital Budget and
33 Program and appropriating funds in connection with Development of
34 the Waterfront at Vanderbilt Museum (CP 7456). (Bontempi).

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36 **LEG. HAHN:**

37 Motion. Cosponsor.

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39 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

40 Motion by Legislator Hahn; second by Legislator Trotta. Anyone on
41 the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
42 Abstentions?

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44 **CLERK TASSONE:**

45 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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47 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

48 1230 is approved. IR 1232, Designating the month of July as "Parks
49 and Recreation Month" in Suffolk County. (Hahn). Motion by
50 Legislator Hahn; second by myself. Cosponsor. And we'll move that
51 to the consent calendar. All those in favor? Opposed?
52 Abstentions?

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54 **CLERK TASSONE:**

55 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

2 1232 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. IR 1241,
3 **Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking**
4 **Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007,**
5 **Selleck Property – Town of Brookhaven (SCTM Nos.**
6 **0200-223.00-01.00-003.000, 0200-223.00-01.00-001.000 and**
7 **0200-223.00-01.00-002.000 p/o).** (Hahn). Motion by Legislator
8 Caracappa; second by myself. And, Mr. Kerr, you want to come on
9 down, the price is right.

10:36AM 10

11 **MR. KERR:**

12 Sure. So this is three separate parcels, three contiguous parcels
13 located in East Setauket in the Town of Brookhaven. The total
14 parcels are 6.8 acres with 5.6 acres proposed for the acquisition.
15 The house located on lot 2 would be cut out of the proposed
16 acquisition. This as well only rated a 19, which doesn't really
17 necessarily meet the threshold for recommendation but it did
18 receive points for falling within the hydro-geologic zone, its
19 location to town parkland. It's being considered for passive open
20 space. We did make an offer on the property in 2020, which the
21 owner declined. But in conversations with the town, they did
22 advise me that there's been recently a subdivision approved at the
23 property. So I believe that's why, you know, they're potentially
24 interested again now.

10:37AM 20

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26 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

27 Thank you, Mr. Kerr. Legislator Krupski.

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29 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

30 So an offer was made in 2020, rejected. And then the property
31 owner went to the subdivision process and then reapplied?

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33 **MR. KERR:**

34 Correct, yeah.

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36 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

37 So then we would be buying -- can you give us -- so this is for an
38 appraisal?

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40 **MR. KERR:**

41 Correct, yes.

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43 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

44 Okay. So then we can compare apples with oranges --

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46 **MR. KERR:**

47 Yes --

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49 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

50 -- in this case; to see what we offered versus what they think it's
51 -- what it's worth today.

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53 **MR. KERR:**

54 Yes.

1 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

2 Okay. All right. Yeah, I'm always supportive of this sort of
3 thing in different areas of the county, but it's going to be
4 interesting to see how this one is going to play out. And is there
5 -- this is by the South Setauket. Wasn't there a special drinking
6 water fund for that area?

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8 **MR. KERR:**

9 There is. There's still seven hundred -- around \$788,000 in there.
10 But this falls just outside of that for these funds to be able to
11 be used.

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13 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

14 That's unfortunate. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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16 **LEG. HAHN:**

17 Very unfortunate.

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19 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

20 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. You good, Legislator Hahn?

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22 **LEG. HAHN:**

23 I was just going to say -- but the question was answered. This is
24 only a parcel or two outside of that area. It's very unfortunate.

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26 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

27 Do we have a motion and a second? All those in favor? Opposed?
28 Abstentions?

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30 **CLERK TASSONE:**

31 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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33 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

34 1241 is approved. 1242, Renaming the Terryville Greenbelt as the
35 "Dr. Joseph V. Rella Greenbelt". (Hahn). Motion by Legislator
36 Hahn; second by myself.

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38 **LEG. HAHN:**

39 Motion to table unfortunately. We need to go through Sitings.

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41 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

42 You need to go through Sitings. Motion to table. Motion by
43 Legislator Hahn; second by myself to table. Anyone on the motion
44 to table? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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46 **CLERK TASSONE:**

47 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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49 **LEG. HAHN:**

50 And I was told Sitings is happening shortly.

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52 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

53 Shortly. 1242 -- do you want to discharge and -- let's do that.
54 It's right after this; in between Vets and this. Yeah, so let's --
55 I make a motion to reconsider -- oh, it's not going to be today.
56 Oh, it's next time. All right, so we'll table that, all right. We

1 tried, Legislator Hahn. I'm sorry. All those in favor? Opposed?
2 Abstentions to table? 1242 is tabled. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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4 **CLERK TASSONE:**
5 Seven. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

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7 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
8 All right. We're through the agenda here. We have no procedural
9 motions and no home rule messages. We do have executive session.
10 So we're going to enter into executive session now. I have a
11 motion by Legislator Krupski; second by Legislator Hahn. All those
12 in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

10:40AM

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14 **CLERK TASSONE:**
15 Six (6-0-0-1/LEGISLATOR TROTTA NOT PRESENT)

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17 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
18 We are in executive session. Thank you, folks. If you could --
19 are we going to do it here or -- you just want to do it here?
20 Okay, so please clear the auditorium.

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22 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:40 AM - 12:15 PM)**

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24 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**
25 Okay, folks, we're out of executive session. The action that was
26 taken in executive session, we will make offers on the Loeffler
27 United Unified Tax Credit Trust property, the Interstate Home Loan
28 Center property, Sayville Mill Pond property and the Gough Living
29 Trust property.

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31 With no further business this -- yes, Legislator Hahn. Yeah, I
32 read the one on Bergen Park. That's the Loeffler Unified. It's
33 okay. Seeing no further business in front of this Committee, we
34 are adjourned.

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36 **THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 PM**
37 **{ } DENOTES SPELLED PHONETICALLY**