

1 ENVIRONMENT, PARKS & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
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5 SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
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7 MINUTES  
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10 A meeting of the Environment, Parks & Agriculture Committee of the  
11 Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa  
12 Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature  
13 Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on  
14 August 28, 2023.  
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17 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

18 Leg. Anthony Piccirillo, Chairperson  
19 Leg. Robert Trotta, Vice Chair  
20 Leg. Bridget Fleming  
21 Leg. Leslie Kennedy  
22 Leg. Nicholas Caracappa  
23 Leg. Al Krupski  
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26 **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

27 William Duffy, Counsel to the Legislature  
28 Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature  
29 Hope Clark, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature  
30 Lance Reinheimer, Director/Budget Review Office  
31 Laura Halloran, Budget Review Office  
32 Jason D. Smagin, Commissioner/Parks Department  
33 Michelle Zarifis, Director/Intergovernmental Relations  
34 Sarah Lansdale, Commissioner/Department of Planning  
35 John Sohngen, Health Department  
36 Benjamin Wright, Department of Public Works  
37 Catherine Stark, Aide to Leg. Krupski  
38 Derek Stein, Aide to Leg. Krupski  
39 Robert Martinez, Aide to Leg. Caracappa  
40 Erika Hershberger, Aide to Leg. Kennedy  
41 Irene Donohue, Aide to Leg. Fleming  
42 Chris DeLuca, Aide to PO  
43 Desiree Benn, Coindre Hall Community Group  
44 And all other interested parties  
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47 **MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

48 Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer  
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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:05 AM

**CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the Monday, August 28th meeting of the EPA committee. The committee will come to order. (Gavel) If we could all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and stay standing for a moment of silence led by Legislator Fleming.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED**

Thank you. (Gavel) Good morning, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK TASSONE:**

Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

Roll call, please.

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

**LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

Present.

**LEG. TROTTA:**

Here.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**

Here.

**LEG. FLEMING:**

Present.

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**

(No response)

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Here.

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**

(No response)

**CLERK TASSONE:**

Five.

**CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any correspondence?

**CLERK TASSONE:**

All correspondence have been distributed accordingly, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

Thank you, sir.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

10:06AM

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2 Okay, we'll go into our public portion today. We have one card,  
3 Desiree Benn. Good morning, Miss Benn. You have three minutes,  
4 ma'am.

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6 **DESIREE BENN:**

7 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the committee. My name is  
8 Desiree. I'm the -- a member of Coindre Hall Park Community,  
9 grassroots organization of the 18th district.

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11 Since the passage of the Clean Water Act our nation's water has  
12 improved dramatically. Despite this, degraded water bodies still  
13 exist. And I have three questions and one request with regards to  
14 one of those degraded water bodies. And that's in Huntington  
15 Harbor. If you know Coindre Hall Park through the seawall, there's  
16 a discharge pipe into Huntington Harbor, which is a degraded and  
17 impaired water body.

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19 And my question is, is the outfall included in the storm -- Suffolk  
10:07AM 20 County's Stormwater Management Monitoring Plan? This should be  
21 monitored and tested and the results included in the annual MS4  
22 report, especially since it discharged into a 303 (b) impaired  
23 water body. This would allow for measures to mitigate any  
24 contributions and exceedances to the total maximum daily loads.

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26 My second question is, is this part of the Suffolk County Water  
27 Quality Protection and Restoration as it is directly adjacent to  
28 tidal wetlands and a public bathing beach.

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10:08AM 30 My third question with regards to this discharge pipe is that were  
31 water quality result -- are there water quality results with regard  
32 to the discharge pipe? Because we were told that the water quality  
33 was good. And I fought for those results but I don't seem to be  
34 able to find them. And if a test was done, then I can just FOIL  
35 again. Otherwise, I can test them.

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37 And this is part of a larger effort by our community group to do  
38 ecological restoration because as you know, the outflow pipe is  
39 connected to an impoundment and there's an inflow and an outflow  
10:09AM 40 and we'd like to really get to the bottom of what's going on so we  
41 can do some -- it's good to have a baseline to know what we're  
42 starting with if we're going to do some restoration.

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44 And finally I have a huge request. There is a garbage pail that is  
45 -- you know, since we've opened up the park, everyone's using it,  
46 the waterfront's being used, fishermen, families, it's fantastic.  
47 It's wonderful. But there's a lot of garbage which we, Coindre  
48 Hall Park Community, pick up and put into a garbage pail that does  
49 not have a lid. So it rained recently. And I found -- I had to  
10:09AM 50 pull the garbage pail out of the tidal flats. Could we please have  
51 a lid to this garbage pail to prevent debris going into the water.  
52 Thank you.

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54 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

55 You're welcome. And I'll speak to the Commissioner about getting a  
56 lid for the garbage pail. Thank you for coming today, Miss Benn.

1 Anyone else like to address the committee today? Seeing none,  
2 we'll go into our agenda.

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4 **APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS**

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6 **1584, appointing David L. Berg as a member of the Suffolk County**  
7 **Vanderbilt Museum Commission.** I'll make a motion to table; second  
8 by Legislator Trotta. Anyone on the motion? All those in favor?  
9 Opposed? Abstentions?

10:10AM 10  
11 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
12 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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14 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
15 1584 is tabled.

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17 **TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

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19 We have no presentations today. We'll move into Tabled  
10:10AM 20 Resolutions. The first Tabled Resolution is (1387) Adopting Local  
21 Law No. -2023, A Local Law to amend Chapter 643 of the Suffolk  
22 County Code to update language to accurately reflect the licensing  
23 procedures for parks facilities available for residential use and  
24 to Incorporate Hud-established Fair Market Rent based on bedroom  
25 size and household income into those procedures. (Co. Exec.). Can  
26 I have motion?

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28 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
29 Motion.

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

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36 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
37 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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39 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
10:11AM 40 1387 is approved.

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42 **INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

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44 **Introductory Resolutions (1628) Authorizing appraisal of land under**  
45 **the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by**  
46 **Local Law No. 24-2007, Murtha-Bruno, Inc. Property - Town of**  
47 **Riverhead (SCTM No. 0600-039.00-05.00-004.001). (Krupski).**

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49 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
10:11AM 50 Motion for the Consent Calendar.

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52 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
53 Motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar.

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55 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
56 Yes, motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar.

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2 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

3 Second by Legislator Trotta. Legislator Krupski on the motion.  
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5 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

6 On the motion. So this is -- and I just spoke to Commissioner  
7 Lansdale about this. This is something that one of the family  
8 members is a candidate for office this fall. And I just wanted to  
9 make sure that there was no appearance of impropriety. So I did  
10 reach out through my office to the Ethics Board last week to get a  
11 ruling on that. So maybe we want to table this for a cycle just to  
12 make sure. I don't know why it would be a problem, but, you know,  
13 it struck me last week that we should just make sure that -- we  
14 want to make sure that it doesn't look like there's any sort of  
15 favoritism or anything like that. Because it's not like this  
16 candidate owns it. It's in a family -- and I'm not sure how it's  
17 structured, whether it's a trust or whether it's in an estate or  
18 how it's structured, just to, you know, just to avoid that  
19 appearance.

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21 **LEG. FLEMING:**

22 I'll second the motion to table.  
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24 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

25 Second the motion to table. Anyone on the tabling motion? You're  
26 making a motion to table?  
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28 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

29 Yes.  
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31 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

32 Okay, Legislator Krupski makes a motion to table; second by  
33 Legislator Fleming. Can I just get Counsel real fast?  
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35 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

36 Yeah, thank you.  
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38 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

39 And this is just a motion -- this is just for an appraisal,  
40 correct?  
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42 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

43 Yeah.  
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45 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

46 Not for the purchase.  
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48 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

49 For the appraisal, correct. I guess the objection would be that  
50 we're still spending taxpayer money for an appraisal so if there is  
51 a conflict, then --  
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53 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

54 Just to be.  
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1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

2 I wasn't aware there was a conflict of interest here; or potential  
3 conflict of interest.

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5 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

6 And I did not discuss it with Mr. Duffy, which I should have  
7 called. And I think we spoke last week about a different matter,  
8 but.

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10 **COUNSEL DUFFY:**

11 I don't see any potential ethics violations. Usually an ethics  
12 violation would be that somebody voting for it is gaining -- is  
13 going to profit from it or benefit or a family member's going to  
14 benefit. But if you're concerned, there's always the overriding to  
15 avoid any appearance of impropriety, if you wanted to pause and you  
16 would want to table based on that. But I don't see it immediately.  
17 I'm just learning about it now. But off the top of my head I don't  
18 see anything but I understand if you wanted to avoid any appearance  
19 of impropriety that you'd want to table it.

10:14AM

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21 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

22 So and given the fact that our system of land preservation isn't  
23 instantaneous, to put it that way, I don't think there's any harm  
24 in tabling it for one cycle. Because then we can consider it like  
25 we can consider all the other possible acquisitions. So thank you.

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27 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

28 That's fine with me, you know. Legislator Caracappa, you're okay  
29 with tabling it for one cycle?

10:14AM

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31 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

32 Yes.

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34 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

35 Okay, so the motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar  
36 are withdrawn. The motion to table stands with a second. By  
37 Legislator Krupski; second by Legislator Fleming. All those in  
38 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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40 **CLERK TASSONE:**

41 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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43 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

44 1628 is tabled.

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46 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

47 Thank you.

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49 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

50 You're welcome, Legislator Krupski. Thank you.

10:15AM

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52 **IR 1637, Amend Resolution No. 110-2011, reauthorizing and**  
53 **reconstituting the Vanderbilt Museum Oversight Committee.**  
54 **(Richberg).** I'll make a motion to table; second by Legislator  
55 Trotta. Anyone on the motion?

1 **LEG. FLEMING:**

2 On the motion

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4 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

5 On the motion, Legislator Fleming.

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7 **LEG. FLEMING:**

8 Just wondering, Mr. Chairman, why the motion to table.

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10 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

11 Legislator Bontempi would like to weigh in. She hasn't been able  
12 to yet. So I said I would show some deference to the Legislator of  
13 the 18th Legislative District and that we would take this up next  
14 cycle.

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16 **LEG. FLEMING:**

17 Thank you.

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19 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

10:15AM 20 You're welcome, Legislator Fleming. Anyone on the motion? Seeing  
21 none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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23 **CLERK TASSONE:**

24 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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26 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

27 1637 is tabled.

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29 **IR 1653, Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk**  
30 **County ¼% Drinking Water Protection Program (effective December 1,**  
31 **2007) – Open Space Component - for the John Lacy property – Mud**  
32 **Creek County Park addition (Town of Brookhaven – SCTM Nos.**  
33 **0200-957.00-04.00-038.000 and 0200-957.00-04.00-039.000). (Co.**  
34 **Exec.). Anybody here? Motion by Legislator Fleming; second by**  
35 **myself. Commissioner Lansdale. Welcome back to Land Acquisition Q**  
36 **& A.**

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38 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

10:16AM 39 I'm happy to answer any questions. I can give you a brief overview  
40 if you'd like.

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42 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

43 Brief overview is great, sure, please.

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45 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

46 Sure. The parcel is point 33 acres in size. It's adjacent to  
47 other Mud Creek county park properties where the County has  
48 holdings that total approximately 129 acres. The acquisition is  
49 \$85,000.

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51 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

52 Any questions?

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54 **LEG. TROTТА:**

55 Yeah.

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1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

2 Legislator Trotta.

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4 **LEG. TROTТА:**

5 Is it buildable? I mean, this is like marshland apparently.

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7 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

8 So the property is zoned A 1 residence family with a minimum lot  
9 size of 40,000 square feet. So this is less than that.

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11 **LEG. TROTТА:**

12 Why are we paying 85,000? I don't remember this coming through the  
13 committee.

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15 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

16 It probably didn't come through ETRB because the value is less. It  
17 just went through the Internal Review Board.

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19 **LEG. TROTТА:**

10:17AM 20 So I have a big problem with spending \$85,000 for a sliver of land  
21 in a marshland in the middle of nowhere. Can you get to it? Is  
22 there a road? Is there --

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24 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

25 So we can pull up the map to show you. Maps were sent prior to  
26 this committee. And you can see the parcel, the proposed  
27 acquisition if the maps are up.

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29 **LEG. TROTТА:**

10:17AM 30 I don't think they have the map.

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32 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

33 Yeah, it was sent via e-mail.

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35 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

36 All right. In the meantime can I ask a question?

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38 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

39 Yes.

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41 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

42 Legislator Caracappa.

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44 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

45 Good morning, Commissioner.

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47 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

48 Good morning.

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50 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

51 This acquisition, is it in line with the previous acquisition? You  
52 said this is adjacent or --

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54 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

55 Yes.

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1 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
2 -- attached to. So is this in line what we paid for the other  
3 properties?  
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5 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
6 It is, yes.  
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8 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
9 And when was the last purchase in this area, this Mud Creek?  
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11 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
12 I would have to get back to you on that. I don't have that  
13 information. But to answer Legislator Trotta's question previously  
14 posed, this is adjacent to a road, Sills Road that's identified on  
15 the map. It's a paper street. So access could be acquired for the  
16 parcel.  
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18 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
19 But it's unbuildable.  
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10:18AM

21 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
22 As it's currently zoned. The applicant could go for a zone change  
23 potentially.  
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25 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
26 Oh, there's the map. That's not it. I'll give you \$85,000 for  
27 that. That's definitely not it.  
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29 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
30 On the motion?  
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10:18AM

32 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
33 Legislator Fleming.  
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35 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
36 Just a question for the Commissioner. We have 1566 on the agenda;  
37 is also a Mud Creek acquisition. Is this part of an assemblage?  
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39 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
40 It is, yep. The County has been focused on acquiring these  
41 ecologically sensitive parcels for many years. And the County has  
42 been successful in purchasing property as part of this assemblage  
43 so this assemblage now is 129 acres because of the County's efforts  
44 to buy these small parcels. And you can see it's also a town  
45 effort on the map. The parcels outlined in purple are town  
46 acquisitions. So this is a town/county partnership.  
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48 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
49 So which one on this map is the \$85,000 one?  
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10:19AM

51 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
52 The one that's outlined in yellow and orange; up top next to Sills  
53 Road.  
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55 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
56 The one that sort of hits Sills Road there?

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2 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

3 Correct.

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5 **LEG. TROTТА:**

6 And the one next to it, is that the same owner?

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8 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

9 That is a good question. I will ask my staff that.

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11 **LEG. TROTТА:**

12 Is that also one -- I'm assuming it's one we're buying also.

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14 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

15 Yes.

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17 **LEG. TROTТА:**

18 Maybe together they can build a house there.

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20 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

21 Correct.

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23 **LEG. TROTТА:**

24 And how much was that other second little piece, if you know.

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26 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

27 I'll find out.

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29 **LEG. FLEMING:**

10:20AM

30 I think the resolutions reflect separate owners, which probably  
31 explains why these are separate acquisitions. And the one that's  
32 right on Sills Road, I would expect if it's like many of the  
33 parcels in the County that we focused on for open space  
34 acquisition, it's going to feel that development pressure because  
35 of its road frontage.

36  
37 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

38 Yep. So, looking at my notes, let me just correct what I've said.  
39 So 1653 is point 33 acres in size. And it's the parcel on the  
40 south that is orange and yellow. So you see the parcel -- the  
41 larger parcel is a subject to 1654, which is the next agenda item  
42 owned by a different property owner.

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44 **LEG. TROTТА:**

45 Which one is 1653?

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47 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

48 1653 is the small parcel outlined in orange and yellow.

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50 **LEG. TROTТА:**

51 Below the one on Sills Road.

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53 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

54 Correct, below the one on Sills Road.

1 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
2 How much are we paying for the one on Sills Road?

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4 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
5 We're paying -- that's 90,000.

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7 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
8 All right, there lies the problem. Eighty-five dollars for a  
9 little sliver and \$90,000 for something that may or may not be able  
10 to be built on. Were they appraised?

10:21AM 11  
12 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
13 They were appraised. If can see if our Real Estate Director who  
14 has the appraisals can come forward and answer any questions if  
15 you'd like.

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17 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
18 Please.

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20 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
21 So we don't have these appraisals with us at this time.

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23 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
24 So just because it's less than a dollar figure, it doesn't come  
25 before us; is that how it works?

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27 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
28 Doesn't come before ETRB. There are thresholds that are outlined  
29 in the Suffolk County code of what comes before ETRB and what is  
10:22AM 30 reviewed. These smaller parcels are reviewed internally by staff  
31 after an appraisal is ordered. Be happy to provide you with a  
32 citation of the code.

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34 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
35 That's okay. Those -- the strips in the middle, are those roads or  
36 --

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38 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
39 Yes, those are paper streets.

10:22AM 40  
41 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
42 I guess you can articulate that if the guy bought the other -- I  
43 just -- are together those two lots -- I'm trying to get there.  
44 Are those two lots together enough to build a house?

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46 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
47 Yes.

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49 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
10:23AM 50 And it's zoned residential.

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52 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
53 It is zoned residential.

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55 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
56 All right, I'm good. Thank you.

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2 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

3 Anyone else? We have a motion and a second to approve. Anyone on  
4 the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?  
5 Abstentions?

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7 **CLERK TASSONE:**

8 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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10 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

11 1653 is approved.

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13 **1654, Authorizing acquisition of land under the Old Suffolk County**  
14 **Drinking Water Protection Program [C12-5(D)]- for the Quartuccio**  
15 **property - Beaver Dam Creek Watershed addition (Town of Brookhaven**  
16 **- SCTM Nos. 0200-902.00-03.00-002.000 and**  
17 **0200-902.00-03.00-004.000). (Co. Exec.). Motion to approve; second**  
18 **by Legislator Fleming. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all**  
19 **those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?**

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21 **CLERK TASSONE:**

22 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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24 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

25 1654 is approved.

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27 **IR 1655, Authorizing acquisition of land under the Old Suffolk**  
28 **County Drinking Water Protection Program [C12-5(D)]- for the Oak**  
29 **Walker Holding Corp. Property - Beaver Dam Creek Watershed addition**  
30 **(Town of Brookhaven - SCTM No. 0200-902.00-03.00-003.000). (Co.**  
31 **Exec.). Motion to approve; second by Legislator Fleming. Anyone**  
32 **on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?**  
33 **Abstentions?**

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35 **CLERK TASSONE:**

36 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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38 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

39 1655 is approved.

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41 **1656, Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk**  
42 **County ¼% Drinking Water Protection Program (effective December 1,**  
43 **2007) - Open Space Component - for the LF Property Holdings, L.P.**  
44 **property - Mud Creek County Park addition (Town of Brookhaven -**  
45 **SCTM No. 0200-957.00-04.00-040.000). (Co. Exec.). Motion to**  
46 **approve by Legislator Fleming; second by Legislator Krupski.**  
47 **Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?**  
48 **Abstentions?**

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50 **CLERK TASSONE:**

51 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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53 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

54 1656 is approved.

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56 **IR 1657, Amending the 2023 Capital Budget and appropriating PAYGO**

1 funds in connection with the New Suffolk County 1/4% Drinking Water  
2 Protection Program for Environmental Protection for Land  
3 Acquisitions (CP 8714.211). (Co. Exec.). Motion to approve;  
4 second by Legislator Caracappa. Anyone on the motion? On the  
5 motion, Legislator Fleming.

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7 **LEG. FLEMING:**

8 Could we just get an explanation on this one, Commissioner?  
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10 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

11 Commissioner Lansdale.

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13 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

14 Yes, absolutely. Which resolution is this, please?  
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16 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

17 1657.  
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19 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

10:25AM 20 So this is a standard resolution allocating or appropriating funds  
21 from the Quarter Cent Sales Tax Program. These are appropriating  
22 funds from 2022. We do this resolution every year. And it's --  
23 this year it's \$18,502,746.  
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25 **LEG. FLEMING:**

26 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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28 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

10:25AM 29 Thank you, Legislator Fleming. Thank you, Commissioner. We have a  
30 motion and a second. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those  
31 in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
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33 **CLERK TASSONE:**

34 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)  
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36 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

37 1657 is approved.  
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39 **1661, Amending Resolution No. 793-2021, as amended by Resolution**  
40 **No. 656-2022, including the Suffolk County Water Authority as the**  
41 **contractor in connection with the Potential Hazardous Disposal Site**  
42 **Identification Program (CP 8710.161). (Co. Exec.). Motion by**  
43 **Legislator Caracappa; second by Legislator Fleming.**  
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45 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

46 On the motion.  
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48 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

49 On the motion Legislator Krupski.  
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51 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

52 Yeah, can we get an explanation of this.  
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54 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

55 Come on down. Just state your name for the record, please. Just  
56 put the mike on, John.

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2 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

3 John Sohngen. I work with the Suffolk County Department of Health  
4 Services, Division of Environmental Quality.

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6 So basically we're extending a project that uses aerial imagery to  
7 identify potential hazardous disposal sites that could be useful to  
8 take corrective action.

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10:26AM 10 This resolution is basically to extend the use of that money and  
11 then to make Suffolk County Water the sole contractor, I guess you  
12 could say, who's providing match. The actual funding was  
13 originally approved under the Quarter Percent WQPRB. There was  
14 issues contracting with LICAP who was the actual applicant.  
15 Suffolk County Water Authority was on there; Cornell Cooperative  
16 was on there. There was issues contracting with LICAP because of  
17 EIN number so we want back to a resolution and I think it was last  
18 2022 to be able to contract with the Water Authority. Now we have  
19 to come back again to extend it and we're sort of sliding way from  
10:27AM 20 LICAP because it's unknown the status of that.

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22 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

23 So in the past the Health Department was conducting these  
24 investigations?

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26 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

27 There was a Clearas program back in the '80s. I wasn't around for  
28 that but there was maps that they used and I think that has faded  
29 away and this is more up to date technology and we'll get an  
10:27AM 30 updated aerial imagery.

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32 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

33 And who's gonna -- who's gonna do the oversight on this? Because  
34 you got -- this is like a private -- basically a private company  
35 who is going to be working in some sort of enforcement fashion?

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37 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

38 Well, the enforcement will be more on the Health Department, but we  
39 do plan on having them develop an ad hoc committee where we'd have  
10:27AM 40 County Health Department's, Legislators, NGOs sitting on that to  
41 oversee the whole project.

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43 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

44 When would you -- when would you form that committee and how do you  
45 make -- how do you make that public?

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47 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

48 Based on -- originally we were trying to do it in May but  
49 unfortunately there was delays so that will be probably in 2024  
10:28AM 50 that we'd form that committee. And then we'd notify all the  
51 Legislators who wants to be invited to that.

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53 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

54 Because you've got -- you got basically a contract with a private  
55 business to do enforcement on private property.

1 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

2 Yeah.

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4 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

5 So it's a little -- to me it seems a little sticky of who would  
6 provide the oversight on that sort of kind of operation.

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8 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

9 Yeah, it would be us and working with the DA's Office or the Health  
10:28AM 10 Department working with the DA's Office.

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12 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

13 And would you include the local municipalities, the towns and the  
14 villages that you'd be operating in?

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16 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

17 We can definitely include them.

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19 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

10:28AM 20 Because as far as land use goes, and you see there's an awful lot  
21 of clearing going on right now in Suffolk County, we looked at one  
22 site this morning actually on the way here. But as far as land use  
23 goes, a lot of that is enabled by the municipalities. So I'd think  
24 you'd have to work closely with them to go hand in hand on some of  
25 these -- some of these locations.

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27 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

28 No, you're correct because there could be issues where they're  
29 violating town zoning. This is maybe an illegal use that falls  
10:29AM 30 under their -- their jurisdiction.

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32 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

33 Okay. And so if we enable this today, how does the Legislature  
34 know when this committee is gonna -- or task force is gonna --  
35 oversight committee is going to be formed? Is it in the  
36 legislation?

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38 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

39 No, it's not in the legislation but we'd notify through either  
10:29AM 40 invite through -- e-mail invite.

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42 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

43 Do you think we could get that put in the legislation that there  
44 would be legislative oversight committee of this that would work  
45 hand in hand with the Health Department to provide kind of the  
46 transparency to this operation?

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48 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

49 I don't know if somebody else would be better to answer that but --  
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51 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

52 I'm curious if we need to put in legislation or we just have that  
53 oversight authority as a legislative body.

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55 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

56 Because it will be in the --

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**LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
It'll be nice to see it in the legislation.

**CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
I don't disagree with you. I'm just saying I wonder if it's implied since we're the legislative branch of government that we have oversight authority over these -- you know, over the Health Department, over --

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
Legislator Piccirillo, I see you in the news running the Cyber Security thing.

**CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
(Laughter) Yeah, you and my mom, that's about it.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
You answered your own question. So I think -- I don't think there'd be any harm.

**CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
No, I don't disagree with you. I'm just --

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
I'm just putting this in the legislation that there will be some sort of legislative oversight -- no, some sort of oversight task force or committee including the Legislature. Not that the Legislature would run it unless that's what someone wants, but including the Legislature that would oversee this investigation.

**CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
I'll be happy to let you work.

**DIRECTOR ZARIFIS:**  
Yeah, Chair, if I may, yeah, I think we can work on putting some language into the resolution before close of business today because I believe that's the amending deadline. So if you want to, maybe discharge --

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
I'd be happy with that. Thank you.

**LEG. FLEMING:**  
I'll second the motion to discharge.

**CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
And, Legislator Fleming, on the motion to discharge I think you want to be heard on this, right?

**LEG. FLEMING:**  
No, I just wanted to ask Mr. Sohngen, I know your team has worked diligently over the years in my district on water contamination in conjunction with others including the Water Authority. And just with regard to the Water Authority's role in this effort, to what extent have you found their participation helpful in the extensive



1 water contamination work that's been done in my district and others  
2 over the years?

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4 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

5 Thank you, Legislator Fleming. Legislator Trotta. Oh, is that a  
6 question? Excuse me, I'm sorry. I apologize, I thought you were  
7 just making a statement. Go ahead, Mr. Sohngen.

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9 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

10:31AM 10 If they had a project, you know, we'll be one of the project leads  
11 on this and they'll provide adequate information for us to make,  
12 you know, determinations of where we should be looking based on  
13 contributing areas, maps that we have, they have and then using  
14 our, you know, all our knowledge just to determine where we think  
15 there's potential hazardous sites that can impact those public  
16 water supply wells.

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18 **LEG. FLEMING:**

10:32AM 19 And based on your work with them over the years, are you confident  
20 that they'll be a helpful partner in this effort?

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22 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

23 Oh, definitely, yes.

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25 **LEG. FLEMING:**

26 Okay, thank you. Now I'm done. Sorry.

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28 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

10:32AM 29 Thank you, Legislator Fleming. My apologies. Legislator Trotta.

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31 **LEG. TROTТА:**

32 So what exactly is this going to do? Because I find this --

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34 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

35 Yeah, so, basically we take aerial imagery. I'm not too versed --  
36 well versed on the technology, but through the aerial imagery you  
37 can identify spots where there could be potentially hazardous waste  
38 disposal. And then --

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40 **LEG. TROTТА:**

41 Okay, well, I find this comical considering I have 26 acres of a  
42 landfill with God knows what in it uncapped and the County has been  
43 unable to do anything in the past ten years.

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45 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

46 This is mainly for un-permitted sites that don't have a permit.

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48 **LEG. TROTТА:**

49 Permit?

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51 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

52 Don't have a permit to --

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54 **LEG. TROTТА:**

55 Oh these people didn't have a permit. It's going on every day in  
56 Kings Park. They're dumping. I have someone who's buying a piece

1 of property, a total mess. I'll give you the address and you can  
2 go over there. It's a disgrace. It's like a comedy show that this  
3 is -- we don't take care of the problems we have and we're trying  
4 to look for more. It's literally a joke.

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6 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

7 Thank you, Legislator Trotta. Anyone else? Seeing none, we have  
8 a motion to discharge without recommendation and a second. Anyone  
9 on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?  
10 Abstentions?

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12 **CLERK TASSONE:**

13 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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15 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

16 1661 is discharged without recommendation.

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18 **1667, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the Proposed**  
19 **Smithtown Downtown Sewering Project – Extension to Suffolk County**  
20 **Sewer District # 6, Town of Smithtown. (Pres. Off.). Motion by**  
21 **Legislator Kennedy; second by Legislator Trotta. Anyone on the**  
22 **motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?**

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24 **CLERK TASSONE:**

25 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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27 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

28 1667 is approved.

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30 **1668, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the Proposed**  
31 **Huntington Station Hub Sewering Project – Extension to Suffolk**  
32 **County Sewer District #3, Town of Huntington. (Pres. Off.).**

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34 **LEG. TROTТА:**

35 Motion.

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37 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

38 Motion by Legislator Trotta.

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40 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

41 Second.

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43 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

44 Second by Legislator Kennedy. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none,  
45 all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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47 **CLERK TASSONE:**

48 Six.

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50 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

51 Actually I'm opposed.

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53 **CLERK TASSONE:**

54 Five.

1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

2 Thank you. Just for the record I'm opposed because it's going into  
3 the Southwest Sewer District which doesn't recharge the aquifer and  
4 gets dropped into the ocean and we can't damage our aquifer anymore  
5 so we should really make a concerted effort --

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7 **LEG. TROTТА:**

8 I'm opposed, too.

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10 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

11 -- to recharge the aquifer.

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13 **CLERK TASSONE:**

14 Four. (VOTE: 4-2-0-0/LEGISLATORS PICCIRILLO & TROTТА OPPOSED)

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16 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

17 Thank you. 1668 is approved.

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19 Legislator Krupski.

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21 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

22 In light of your comments we do have someone here who I think could  
23 answer -- answer that question, if we could ask Ben to come up.

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25 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

26 Yeah, he can come up.

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28 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

29 Thank you. I don't want to dismiss your concerns otherwise.

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31 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

32 I'm used to it. Hey, Ben.

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34 **MR. WRIGHT:**

35 Good morning. Ben Wright with Public Works.

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37 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

38 Nice to see you.

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40 **MR. WRIGHT:**

41 So the question is about removing 250,000 gallons per day from the  
42 Huntington area and going into the Bergen Point, the outfall,  
43 ocean. We had a comparison of what that means as far as declining  
44 groundwater and we compared it to a number of other groundwater  
45 assessments that were done that are all in the same ballpark, 200  
46 to 300,000 gallons per day. And the decline in the groundwater  
47 level's about point seven or point eight feet. And I happen to  
48 come across a resolution -- not a resolution but a memo to this  
49 committee from Commissioner Lansdale, it goes back a few years, but  
50 the response on that particular valuation at that time was that one  
51 foot or less has very little impact on an aquifer that's 1500 feet  
52 deep. And that it's probably not going to be observed due to the  
53 variations in the precipitation over the year. So we don't expect  
54 that to be an issue. We've done a number of projects that go to  
55 the Bergen Point and it's been the same, the same quality  
56 assessment.

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2 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
3 You have questions, Legislator?

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5 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
6 I do.

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

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11 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
12 What property is this?

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14 **MR. WRIGHT:**  
15 It's along 110 and it goes from the railroad station about a mile  
16 south on 110 with mostly parcels on either side east and west of  
17 110. It's for revitalization of the area. We've been working with  
18 the town -- just another point that you might consider is that the  
19 estimate for the project is \$64 million. And the town has  
20 committed 44 million and the County 22 million. So it's fully  
21 funded between the mixture of New York State and ARPA funds. And  
22 there are sunset limits with respect to the ARPA funds that we're  
23 trying to overcome.

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25 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
26 I don't know what the ARPA funds have to do with groundwater levels  
27 in the aquifer but --

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29 **MR. WRIGHT:**  
30 No, just the importance that the project has been given by various  
31 stakeholders.

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33 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
34 Duly noted. Anyone else? Legislator Krupski.

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36 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
37 While we're on the topic, the aquifer's recharged through rain  
38 water. And I know in Huntington it's been well documented, you  
39 know, water quality issues, beach closures, lack of shellfishing,  
40 whatnot because of storm water. Wouldn't it behoove the County to  
41 reach out at the very least say, "look, this proposal is going to  
42 be removing 250,000 gallons of freshwater from the aquifer a day  
43 forever. Wouldn't it behoove you to do the storm water work so  
44 that when you do get an inch of rainfall, it will recharge the  
45 aquifer and at least -- the very least instead of putting all the  
46 pathogens and nutrients directly into the harbors and estuaries, at  
47 least recharge your aquifer and try to offset this loss?"

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49 **MR. WRIGHT:**  
50 A good point. However, the service area that we're looking at on  
51 the south side of the rail station really has a gradient going down  
52 from north to south. So storm water wouldn't be going in the  
53 direction of the harbor.

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55 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
56 All right. Just as a townwide policy, it seems like you could --

1 not even a shot across the bow; more this is like -- this is an  
2 opportunity for you here, so.

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4 **MR. WRIGHT:**

5 We do meet monthly with the town supervisor's office so we'll bring  
6 that point up.

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8 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

9 Thank you. I think that would be helpful to them on different  
10 fronts so thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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12 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

13 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. Legislator Fleming.

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15 **LEG. FLEMING:**

16 Yeah, if I could just note that in the Capital Program the  
17 additional funding that Legislator Krupski advocated for in the  
18 Coastal Resiliency Project identified 25 sites for priority  
19 analysis and Bergen Point is one of them. So it will be extremely  
20 expensive to ensure that, you know, this site is even more  
21 resilient in the face of changing weather patterns, but it might be  
22 well worth it to pay attention to that.

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24 There have been projects done in Maryland and Virginia and  
25 elsewhere where septic treatment plants are looked at for coastal  
26 resiliency. And this idea of even the salt water exchange or the  
27 question of land -- groundwater versus surface water have been  
28 addressed successfully. It's a lot of money. It takes a lot of  
29 effort but I'm glad to hear that folks are focused on it but there  
30 is -- that Capital Project is available to do that work if that's  
31 something that you all want to pursue. Thank you.

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33 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

34 Thank you, Legislator Fleming. Legislator Trotta.

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36 **LEG. TROTТА:**

37 Yeah, so the key word you said was probably before. Probably won't  
38 have an effect. So when that aquifer is being drained whatever, 6  
39 to 8 inches, in the Huntington Station it might not have an effect  
40 but over on the south shore it might have an effect because as the  
41 wells go down -- I mean it's happening in Nassau County; is that  
42 correct?

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44 **MR. WRIGHT:**

45 I believe in some points in Nassau County. This is -- the  
46 groundwater depth at this particular area is between 100 and 125  
47 feet down. There's really very little impact. If you're on the  
48 south shore where it's a couple of feet below grid, it certainly  
49 wouldn't make much of a difference.

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51 **LEG. TROTТА:**

52 I know, but that's where the intrusion would occur. It wouldn't --  
53 it wouldn't so much affect Huntington Station. It would have an  
54 effect on the south shore because when the whole aquifer goes down  
55 -- you know, when you take water out of a pool, it goes down  
56 anywhere.

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2 **MR. WRIGHT:**

3 The analysis that are done show that the localized, the point 8  
4 feet or, you know, one foot is within a certain area under the  
5 surface area. And then as you go further out in radial areas, you  
6 know, maybe a mile from that, it's only point two feet. So by the  
7 time -- from this going four or five miles south is not going to  
8 have an effect at all.

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10 **LEG. TROTТА:**

11 And how do you know that?

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13 **MR. WRIGHT:**

14 Because of analysis that are done.

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16 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

17 Who did the analysis?

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19 **LEG. TROTТА:**

20 Who did the analysis?

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22 **MR. WRIGHT:**

23 Cantor, {Eser} and McKee has done analysis for many -- you know,  
24 probably for the last ten years on the overall county and then  
25 individual projects.

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27 **LEG. TROTТА:**

28 And who are they?

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30 **MR. WRIGHT:**

31 It's an engineering firm that had a contract with the County to  
32 perform the groundwater analysis for the County.

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34 **LEG. TROTТА:**

35 Can you send me those analysis?

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37 **MR. WRIGHT:**

38 Yes.

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40 **LEG. TROTТА:**

41 And do they do the ones in Nassau County also?

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43 **MR. WRIGHT:**

44 I don't know.

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46 **LEG. TROTТА:**

47 Because, I mean, clearly if something's happening in Nassau County,  
48 we should be a little worried that it could happen in Suffolk  
49 County and then we're just sucking all this water out and pumping  
50 it out in the ocean. Has anybody looked into taking a percentage  
51 of it and --

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53 **MR. WRIGHT:**

54 Yes, there was a study called -- well, the acronym was FANS  
55 project, Flow Augmentation Need Study. It was done, started in the  
56 1970s and it indicated that even at that time when 95% of the

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1 Southwest Sewer -- was sewerred, that there was no impact on either  
2 the salinity in the bay or the shortening of creeks, the headwaters  
3 of creeks or the groundwater.

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5 **LEG. TROTТА:**

6 Did they have a similar study in Nassau County before that study?

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8 **MR. WRIGHT:**

9 Yeah, I believe they did.

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11 **LEG. TROTТА:**

12 And where they correct? Did they predict that it would --

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14 **MR. WRIGHT:**

15 I can't tell you.

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17 **LEG. TROTТА:**

18 Well, that's something you should look into. Because if, you know,  
19 they predicted, oh, it's going to be fine and it's not, it's an  
20 indication maybe it could happen here. Thank you.

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22 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

23 Do these studies take -- excuse me, if I could have the floor. Do  
24 these studies take into consideration the explosion in development,  
25 extra flushes from multifamily units?

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27 **MR. WRIGHT:**

28 Yeah, what they do is --

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30 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

31 Sports arenas, convention centers, you know, everything they want  
32 to turn Suffolk County into?

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34 **MR. WRIGHT:**

35 Yeah, part of the feasibility study leading to design is to work  
36 with the local communities and municipalities to establish what the  
37 projected development will be. And it often is planning associates  
38 that are associated with that to make projections on number of  
39 apartments or medical offices. And that's where the -- in this  
40 particular case, the 250,000 gallons came from.

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42 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

43 So what if it's more than 250,000 gallons?

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45 **MR. WRIGHT:**

46 Excuse me?

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48 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

49 What if it's more than 250,000 gallons?

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51 **MR. WRIGHT:**

52 Well, there'd be a limit on capacity of the system.

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54 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

55 And you can't expand that capacity? We expand capacity all the  
56 time.

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2 **MR. WRIGHT:**

3 Well, I guess that's kind of what we're doing now, we're expanding  
4 a pumping station, reconstructing it in order to accommodate this  
5 but --

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7 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

8 But that can be done again in the future.

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10 **MR. WRIGHT:**

11 Yeah. Yes.

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13 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

14 So it could be more than 250,000 gallons?

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16 **MR. WRIGHT:**

17 It could be proposed as more than 250,000; whether it would be  
18 approved or not depends on the situation at the time.

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20 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

21 Understood. Any other questions? Yeah, Legislator Caracappa and  
22 then Legislator Krupski.

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24 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

25 More of a comment for my colleagues here. My experience with my  
26 years at the Water Authority I could tell you this is -- protecting  
27 the aquifer is always an important issue. I can tell you that.  
28 However, that being said, our aquifer is very safe from the levels  
29 of aquifer. And any potential harm of depletion of the aquifer is  
10:44AM 30 really not in play at this point. Protecting the aquifer from  
31 contamination and plumes and also dredging is what we have to  
32 really focus on now.

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34 That being said, I have been an advocate of recharge basins in some  
35 of these STPs, sewer treatment plants, that do not have them.  
36 Because it is important to get that -- you know, keep the aquifers  
37 levels in mind, be conscious of, be conscientious of it. We as a  
38 Legislature can take action to ensure that happens going forward.  
39 This is a time sensitive project, is my understanding. It's fully  
10:45AM 40 funded last by the County. We should absolutely take some  
41 proactive measures, and I've been discussing this with Commissioner  
42 Lansdale. I have issues this amount of capacity and these STPs  
43 going right out into the ocean, our coastal waterways. That is an  
44 issue we're having right now. That's the discussion we should be  
45 having with the contaminants into our waterways, with a project for  
46 250,000 gallons per day going into our coastal waterways. That is  
47 a different conversation; it's something that needs to be  
48 addressed. But as far as our levels go in the aquifer, we are --  
49 we have an abundance. We are far from being in any kind of  
10:45AM 50 jeopardy. Again, not saying that we're not in jeopardy from  
51 contaminations or even puncturing our aquifer with the amount of  
52 dredging, that is what happened with Nassau County.

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54 So we as a body can be a lot more proactive with the protection of  
55 aquifer on all different levels. And I think we've been doing  
56 that. But I concur with my colleagues with the -- with the



1 concerns of the levels of the aquifer. And when you have STPs with  
2 this magnitude of discharge per day, you know, installing a  
3 recharge basin, even if it's a separate part of it down the road  
4 somewhere, wherever it is, if it's not protected grounds, should be  
5 considered. It may be a little too late for this particular  
6 project, but going forward, like I said, I would be more than happy  
7 to put together language that would better meet this resolve going  
8 forward. And that's what we can do. Thank you for the time.

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10 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

11 Thank you, Legislator Caracappa. Legislator Krupski.

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13 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

14 And it's a question for the Health Department. Isn't there a  
15 meeting coming up soon relating to the capacity of all the STPs in  
16 the County?

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18 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

19 You can come up, John.

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21 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

22 Yeah, October 12th.

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24 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

25 Okay.

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27 **MR. SOHNGEN:**

28 But we're looking at a study where we're looking at capacity of  
29 STPs and whether or not the actual flow that we designed them for  
30 is too much and maybe they have extra capacity to connect sites  
31 mainly for private STPs and those discharged inland most of the  
32 time.

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34 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

35 Thank you. It's great that you're doing that work. And it's  
36 something that Legislators who are interested should be part of  
37 that meeting.

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39 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**

40 Yeah, I will definitely tune into that meeting. And I would just  
41 say, you know, this body is probably responsible for the shape that  
42 our aquifer is in because of land preservation and water quality  
43 projects that we've done over the years and that we're going to  
44 continue to do hopefully. You know, Nassau didn't go that route.  
45 They went the development route. And, you know, their waters are  
46 worse than our water and they're 90% sewerred. So, I think some of  
47 those studies didn't take into effect the real threat that  
48 development has on single source aquifers. And it should be  
49 considered before we move forward in a direction that we can't turn  
50 back from.

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52 So I think that resolution was approved, Mr. Clerk?

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54 **CLERK TASSONE:**

55 It was. Four in favor, two opposed.

1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
2 Anyone else before we move on?

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4 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
5 Just, Mr. Chair, if I could --

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

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10 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
11 -- add to the list of steps that have been taken that you've just  
12 made are the Article 6 revisions to the Sanitary Code, which were  
13 the first revisions in 30 years, which do move under the Reclaim  
14 our Water Program; do move the County in the direction of continued  
15 recharge. And as Mr. Sohngen noted, the AI systems recharge as do  
16 much of the sewer systems that are being put in place. So I think  
17 that's -- that legislative action changing the Sanitary Code should  
18 be added to the list of steps that have been taken.

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20 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
21 Yeah, I don't disagree with you. And I would just add that I don't  
22 want people to take advantage of what we're doing for clean water  
23 because we're increasing flow and sewer, you know, across the  
24 County. To have that as a green light to put up, you know, ten  
25 story buildings that'll put us ten steps back to where we were  
26 before they went up, I think, it's a balance that we have to  
27 strike, of course. But we shouldn't get too ahead of ourselves and  
28 learn the lessons from Nassau County. We don't want to have that  
29 happen here.

10:49AM 30  
31 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
32 And actually Mr. Krupski and I worked on amendments in the Article  
33 6 that would ensure that additional capacity for treating  
34 wastewater should not automatically lead to additional density.  
35 So that is in place thanks to the Health Department and the work  
36 that they did with us on that. And County Executive Bellone, we're  
37 disappointed that we did not get the wastewater countywide district  
38 passed because that was all part and parcel of the same efforts  
10:49AM 39 that have been made. But, you know, we have to keep our eye on  
40 that. Thank you.

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42 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
43 Yes, ma'am. Thank you. Anyone else? Seeing none.

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45 **IR 1679, Authorizing use of Southaven County Park in Brookhaven by**  
46 **Starfish Junction Productions LLC for its Pour The Core, Hard Cider**  
47 **Festival. (Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Caracappa; second by**  
48 **Legislator Kennedy. To place on the Consent Calendar. Anyone on**  
49 **the motion? All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?**

10:50AM 50  
51 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
52 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0/CONSENT CALENDAR)

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54 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
55 1679 is approved and placed on the Consent Calendar.

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1 1687, Authorizing the appraisal of land under the Suffolk County  
2 Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No.  
3 24-2007 – V & C Holding property (SCTM Nos. - See Exhibit “A”) –  
4 Town of Brookhaven. (Mazzarella).

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6 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
7 Motion.

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9 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
10 Motion by Legislator Krupski; second by Legislator Caracappa.

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12 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
13 On the motion.

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15 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
16 On the motion Legislator Krupski.

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18 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
19 Just to be clear on the map that I'm looking at for East Moriches,  
20 is it all the yellow parcels or is it all the red parcels?

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22 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
23 It is all of the yellow parcels.

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25 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
26 What's the acreage?

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28 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
29 I'm sorry. Correction. It's 220 parcels so it is the parcels that  
30 are in red in here which say 180 plus the 42 that are in yellow.  
31 So it's both. And it's a 50/50 partnership on acquisition.

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33 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
34 With the town.

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36 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
37 With the town.

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39 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
40 Wow. That's quite an assemblage there. Thank you. What's the  
41 land use primarily?

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43 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
44 The land is zoned A 1 residence with a minimum lot area of 40,000  
45 square feet.

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47 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
48 Are there -- and I'm supportive of this, I'm just curious, are  
49 there existing residences on any of the parcels?

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51 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
52 This looks like it's primarily agricultural in nature.

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54 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
55 That's great. All right, thank you.

1 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
2 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. Anyone else? Seeing none, we have  
3 a motion and second to approve, sir?

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5 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
6 We do, Mr. Chair.

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8 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
9 Anyone else on the motion? See none, all those in favor? Opposed?  
10 Abstentions?

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12 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
13 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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15 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
16 1687 is approved.

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18 **IR 1688, Authorizing an appraisal for the purchase of Development**  
19 **Rights of Farmland under the Suffolk County Drinking Water**  
20 **Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007 – Judith**  
21 **Gianbanco property – “Dream Come True Farm” – Town of Brookhaven**  
22 **(SCTM No. 0200-593.00-02.00-005.001 p/o). (Fleming).**

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24 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
25 Motion to approve.

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27 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
28 Motion by Legislator Fleming; second by Legislator Krupski. On the  
29 motion just briefly, Commissioner Lansdale, correct me if I'm  
30 wrong, I'm just curious, we're going to use Farmland Preservation  
31 money, not Drinking Water Protection Program money, right?

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33 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
34 Yes, this is -- yes, that's right.

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36 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
37 Okay.

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39 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
40 This is an appraisal IR so when it comes back --

10:52AM

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42 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
43 I just want to make forward as we move forward.

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45 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**  
46 Yes.

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48 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
49 Okay, perfect. Okay. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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51 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
52 Six. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)

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54 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
55 1688 is approved. Okay.

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1 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
2 Just for clarification.

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4 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
5 Yes.

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7 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
8 The last two 87 and 68 going on Consent Calendar? It wasn't  
9 mentioned.

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11 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
12 No, 88's not going on the Consent Calendar. And they had -- 87 was  
13 asked to be crossed out and left on the -- they were both asked to  
14 be left on the agenda.

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16 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
17 Thank you, sir.

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19 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
10:53AM 20 We have no more resolutions.

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22 We do have executive session. Take a motion by Legislator Trotta,  
23 second by Legislator Caracappa to go into executive session.  
24 Anyone on the motion? To discuss the Triple A Program. Seeing  
25 none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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27 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
28 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. TROTTA NOT PRESENT)

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30 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
31 Okay, we're in executive session. If we could please clear the  
32 chamber. (Gavel)

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34 (Executive session 10:54 AM - 11:20 AM)

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36 **CHAIRPERSON PICCIRILLO:**  
37 Okay, folks, we've come out of executive session. And we've  
38 empowered the department to make offers on the following  
39 properties: The Robert Levine Pine Barrens Core; Charles Pirrera  
40 Southaven County Park Addition; Youngs Farm Associates LP; Jets 139  
41 LLC; Sean Kelly Baiting Hallow Farm; Nan Sandleiter Ram Island  
42 Split Addition; Southern Townline LLC; estate of Nicholas Petevary  
43 Deepwells Farm Addition; and Theodore Serigano Sagaponack County  
44 Greenbelt.

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46 Without any further business in front of this committee, we stand  
47 adjourned.

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49 **THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:22 AM**  
50 **{ } DENOTES SPELLED PHONETICALLY**