

September 23, 2008

Suffolk County Legislator Schneiderman
75 Washington Street
PO Box 1827
Sag Harbor, NY 11963

RE: Support for the Stormwater Remediation for Yaphank Lakes and Carmans River at County Road 21, Main Street/Yaphank-Middle Island Road.

Dear Suffolk County Legislator Schneiderman,

The Carmans River Protection Working Group was established by the Town of Brookhaven in late 2007. We have been aggressively working to assist Suffolk County in drafting the content of a Feasibility Study for a comprehensive plan to eradicate and/or manage the aquatic invasive species present in the Upper and Lower Yaphank Lakes. We aim to restore the lakes back to their previous functioning status; this includes being free from invasive aquatic plant species and from harmful storm water discharge. Suffolk County has identified four county outfall pipes that discharge untreated storm water from county roadways into the lakes. These systems are in need of filtration devices to aid in the protection and restoration efforts underway to restore the lakes and the river.

On behalf of our working group, we urge the Environment, Planning & Agriculture committee to support funding for **The Stormwater Remediation to the Yaphank Lakes and Carmans River at County Road 21, Main Street/Yaphank-Middle Island Road** proposal through the Water Quality Protection and Restoration Fund. This program is seeking \$750,000 for storm water abatement for these four outfall pipes. As you may be aware, the Town of Brookhaven has allocated funds for Town owned storm water infrastructure remediation and now we need Suffolk to join this important effort.

Please let me know your position on this project so that I may inform the members of the Carmans River Protection Working Group. I have included a list of the committee membership for your records. I look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Esposito
Chair -Carmans River Protection Working Group

CC: Legislator Lou D' Amaro
Legislator Brian Beedenbender
Legislator Jon Cooper
Legislator Daniel P. Losquadro

Carmans River Protection Working Group - Membership

NYS Senator P. LaValle
SC Legislator Kate Browning
NYS Assemblyman Alessi
NYS Assemblywoman Eddington
Brookhaven Councilwoman Kepert
Camilo Salazar - Suffolk County D.E.E.
Anthony Graves – Town of Brookhaven DEP
Johan McConnell - South Yaphank Civic
George Costa - Trout Unlimited
Marty Van Lith - Open Space Council
Fran Hurley - Yaphank Taxpayers and Civic Association
Kathy Schwager - The Nature Conservancy
John Stehle - Resident
Chad Trusnovec - Resident
Steve Trusnovec – Resident
Robert Kessler - Resident