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BEFORE:

R. LAWRENCE SWANSON, Chairperson

MICHAEL KAUFMAN, Vice Chairperson

REPORTED BY:

STEPHANIE J. VALDER, Court Reporter/Notary Public

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

BOARD MEMBERS:

EVA GROWNEY

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ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

TOM GULBRANSEN

DANIEL PICHNEY

HISTORIC SOCIETY MEMBERS:

RICHARD MARTIN

ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES BAGG, Chief Environmental Analyst

LAURETTA FISCHER, Suffolk County Planning

NICK GIBBONS, Suffolk County Parks

RICHARD GEIGER, Sydney Bowne & Son

RUSS MACKEY, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

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

ALSO PRESENT:

HONORABLE TOM MURATORE, Suffolk County Legislature

HONORABLE VIVIAN VILORIA-FISHER, Suffolk County Legislature

TOM YOUNG, Suffolk County Attorney's Office

CHRISTINE DeSALVO, CEQ Staff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Thank you.

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay, thank you.

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

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

MR. MARTIN: Morning.

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

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been rented.

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

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

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

MR. MARTIN: Basically, it's just

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

The Coindre Hall Huntington one, I

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

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

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

MR. MARTIN: No, they don't.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Oh, they don't.

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

But you did rent the one out in Saint James?

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay, yeah.

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

The two West Hills properties, is

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one of them the Old Stimson House?

MR. MARTIN: Yes.

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

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

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

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

MR. MARTIN: Yes.

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- on the south --

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

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

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

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

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

MR. MARTIN: Right.

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

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

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VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Thank you.

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

MR. MARTIN: No, no --

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

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

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: All right.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Legislator Viloria-Fisher.

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, okay.

MR. MARTIN: That's --

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: All right.

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any other questions?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes.

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

MR. MARTIN: Uh-huh.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Yes.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Oh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

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MS. GROWNEY: Oh, okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Right -- right.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Right.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Because we could really use it.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. MARTIN: And just charge the materials --

MS. GROWNEY: That's great.

MR. MARTIN: -- to the grant.

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Legislator Viloria-Fisher.

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. Thank you.

And matching?

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

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

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

MR. MARTIN: A hundred percent.

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

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

MR. MARTIN: That's it.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you.

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

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

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: May I ask you a question?

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: What number, 1162?

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

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

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

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

MR. BAGG: Okay.

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

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

MS. RUSSO: I second.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any further discussion?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Abstentions?

(WHEREUPON, there was no

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response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. The motion passes.

Recommended Unlisted Actions, Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation.

Lauretta, welcome.

MS. FISCHER: Good morning.

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

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

MS. FISCHER: Oh, I'm Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department.

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

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leaving us 7.16 acres for acquisition.

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Lauretta?

MS. FISCHER: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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interests in it as well.

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. You have any questions?

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion unlisted neg dec.

MS. GROWNEY: Second.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I have a second by Eva.

Any other comments?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

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CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

MS. FISCHER: Thank you.

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

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

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

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within our special groundwater protection area.

Vivian, yes.

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

MS. FISCHER: Uh-huh.

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, okay.

MS. FISCHER: Okay.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, yeah, we

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

MS. FISCHER: No.

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

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

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

MS. FISCHER: Yes.

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HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

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

MS. FISCHER: Yes.

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

MS. FISCHER: Yes.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

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special separate category --

(Laughter.)

MS. FISCHER: -- of the Trustees.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, wow.

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

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

MS. FISCHER: Yes --

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

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

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

MS. FISCHER: Okay, no problem.

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

So what we're doing is we're

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filling in, so it's --

MS. FISCHER: Yeah.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- contiguous.

I mean there's Town property to the --

MS. FISCHER: To the east.

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

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

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

MS. FISCHER: Yeah.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Thanks, Nick.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, yeah.

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MS. FISCHER: -- it might be harder.

(Laughter.)

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

MS. FISCHER: Yeah.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- crayons.

MS. FISCHER: Box of crayons.

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah. Thanks, Lauretta.

MS. FISCHER: You're welcome.

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CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any other questions?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion? Motion unlisted neg dec.

MS. GROWNEY: Second.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second by Eva. Any further comments?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

MS. FISCHER: Thank you.

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

HON. MURATORE: Yes, sir. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you for

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coming.

And I don't know you either.

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

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Uh-oh.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We're in trouble.

(Laughter.)

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

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Huh?

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

(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, thank you very much.

MR. YOUNG: Okay.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Sometimes we get ourselves in trouble.

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(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

MR. YOUNG: It's a --

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

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

(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, welcome.

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

MR. YOUNG: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right, moving right along.

Rehabilitation of Middle Country

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Road and Horseblock Road, intersections of County Road 83.

Morning Russ.

MR. GEIGER: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Introduce yourself for your -- for our Stenographer.

MR. GEIGER: My name is Rich Geiger.

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

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

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

HON. MURATORE: Thanks, Vivian.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: You're

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reading my mind.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That's pretty much it in a nutshell.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So are -- are there crosswalks?

MR. MACKEY: Yeah, there are crosswalks.

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Any questions?

Yes, Rich.

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

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

MR. MACHTAY: And also the acquisition of property?

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

MS. GROWNEY: Any -- any historic?

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: That was my next question.

MR. GEIGER: Yeah.

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

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

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area?

MR. MACKEY: No, not to my knowledge.

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I'm familiar with both intersections. And there's nothing residential --

MR. GEIGER: No.

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- in -- in direct proximity. And it's very, very heavily paved. You can see it from the aerial photographs.

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: This is all commercial development and things like that. And I mean that's obviously the impetus for the project. But there's nothing -- historic, there's no buildings left. Anything that was there is long gone.

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: So this used to be farmland a long time ago. This whole --

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Go ahead.

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

MR. GEIGER: Yes.

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: So if

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

MR. MACKEY: -- incorporated into the --

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: There won't

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be a right turn --

MR. GEIGER: No --

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- on red?

MR. GEIGER: -- no.

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

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

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

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red.

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

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

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

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

But if there are people crossing

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

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

MR. MACKEY: And also --

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

MR. MACKEY: -- so the timings

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would change, as far as pedestrian --

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

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

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

(Laughter.)

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

And I've noticed more and more in

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

MR. MACKEY: -- to my knowledge.

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- to --

MS. GROWNEY: Catch their breath.

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

So it's just a suggestion.

Okay. So we have a motion and second.

Anymore comments?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

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CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: The motion carries.

Thank you.

MR. GEIGER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Update on County Parks.

Good morning.

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

(Laughter.)

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

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

(Laughter.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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when those can or can't run.

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

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

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

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through April, Thursday through Saturday.

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

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

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

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separate entrance. It's off of Brooksite, in Hauppauge, and then through a residential neighborhood. It's somewhat convoluted to get to. But up in our north side is where we have our Historic District. But again, we have a -- a playground there, a bathroom facility, and some other infrastructure. The playground on the south side is in our -- in our picnic area.

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

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

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

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

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

We have a rowboat rental that we run out of -- with our own Park Staff for access onto Stump Pond. Obviously, that's seasonal and also

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subject to availability of staff to run it. So that's a kind of moving target as well. But we'd like to get that open typically the weekend before Memorial Day, and run that as late as we can -- and as it is cost effective to do so -- which is typically Labor Day.

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

Yes, Eva.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: This is the historic --

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

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rental is on the south end of the Lake.

MS. GROWNEY: Somewhere over here (indicating)?

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

MR. GIBBONS: -- and all that.

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

(Laughter.)

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MS. SPENCER: Yeah, you did

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(indicating).

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

MS. SPENCER: Nick, on the --

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

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

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Yes.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

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we have native brook trout within the Nissequogue River watershed.

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

So even in spite of --

MS. GROWNEY: Right.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Oh, yes.

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

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MS. GROWNEY: Yes.

MR. GIBBONS: You may be familiar with those.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

But that boardwalk project makes -- makes that possible.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

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

(Laughter.)

MR. GIBBONS: I have the answer somewhere.

(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

MR. GIBBONS: Right.

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

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

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: Anybody can rent a rowboat --

MS. GROWNEY: That's nice.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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

MR. GIBBONS: No. We don't have

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

MS. GROWNEY: I see.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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that.

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

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

But generally, it's relatively

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

MS. GROWNEY: Wade through it.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Right.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Right.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Right, okay.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mary Ann?

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

MR. GIBBONS: Correct.

MS. GROWNEY: Right.

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

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MR. GIBBONS: No.

MS. SPENCER: Don't need to?

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

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

MS. SPENCER: Yes, I know.

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

MS. SPENCER: Right.

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

MS. SPENCER: Yes.

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

MS. SPENCER: Yes.

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

MS. SPENCER: I see.

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

MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

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

MS. SPENCER: Right.

MR. GIBBONS: -- of 25.

MS. SPENCER: Right.

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

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

MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

MS. SPENCER: Okay.

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

MR. GIBBONS: An impoundment.

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Just like the gristmill --

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

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

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

Thank you, Nick.

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

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

MR. GIBBONS: -- itself?

MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

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small spillway or the large spillway.

MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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repair in the '80's I believe.

The -- the new mill spillway --

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: -- is very much in need of attention. It's part of overall plan for restoration of the mill, the millworks, and the spillway.

They're all so closely related, it's hard not to do one --

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: -- without the other.

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: We've suffered -- or it suffered some significant damage. We had what's commonly referred to as a hundred year storm event --

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: -- about three years ago.

And without getting in too much into detail, the velocity and the volume of the water that comes through these two structures is amazing.

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MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: -- water quality --

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: -- or water level.

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

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MR. GIBBONS: Yeah.

(Laughter.)

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

MR. GIBBONS: How far a distance?

MR. MACHTAY: Yeah, I mean if I

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was going to walk to the water from the road.

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

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

MR. GIBBONS: Right.

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.

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

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

(Laughter.)

MR. MACHTAY: And could I find

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that again?

(Laughter.)

MR. GIBBONS: Listen for the barking dogs.

(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Up here (indicating) somewhere.

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

MR. MACHTAY: Okay.

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

MR. MACHTAY: All right.

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

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

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

MS. GROWNEY: Any beavers?

MR. GIBBONS: No.

(Laughter.)

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

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MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: Historical or?

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: The historical structures.

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

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

MR. BAGG: 25 years.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. MARTIN: This is our capital

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

MS. SPENCER: -- decreases significantly.

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

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

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

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you?

MR. MARTIN: No. Well -- no. They have a contract, an interpretation contract I guess I'll call it. And they are the group that provides the tours on site. And they also do some maintenance, and they have bought some State grant funds into the house, and restored some items, and also furnished -- partly furnished the first floor.

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

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

MR. MARTIN: Right. What I didn't

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-- what I didn't --

MS. SPENCER: -- who runs those?

MR. MARTIN: -- what I didn't mention was the Colonial Life Program, which is Gaynell Stone and the Long Island Archeological Association.

MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

MR. MARTIN: And they have a building that's just to the east of the farmhouse -- very close to it. And they also occupy the kitchen, and the first-floor storage rooms for their educational programs.

That's usually elementary kids I think that come here.

MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

MR. MARTIN: And that runs in the spring and the fall. And that's very popular.

And that also helps to maintain the buildings. And the activity at the site, again, deters vandalism.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What about resources for restoring the spillway?

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

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

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

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

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

This what's there now has -- was

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rebuilt since that time period.

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

MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. MARTIN: Yes.

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right. Miller's Pond, yeah.

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MR. GIBBONS: -- of that area.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: -- and with the Town

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of Smithtown.

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: The 477 account.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

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

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

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HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

MS. FISCHER: Larry?

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Thank you.

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

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

MR. GIBBONS: I didn't know what

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it was for.

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

(Laughter.)

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

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

(Laughter.)

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

MR. BAGG: -- the Miller's House.

(Laughter.)

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

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

And then it broke down the rest of

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

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

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

HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

MR. GIBBONS: We get recommendations -- although not

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

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

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Larry, if I may.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

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

Unfortunately, since it's a

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

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

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

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

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

MR. GIBBONS: I guess it was.

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(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

MR. GIBBONS: Oh, sure, great.

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

(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

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

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

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no anything. Does Suffolk County have anything like that?

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

(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

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

(Laughter.)

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

MR. MACHTAY: Okay. Thank you.

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

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

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

MR. GIBBONS: That's right.

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

MR. GIBBONS: Right.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mary Ann, you had a comment?

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

MR. BAGG: Yes, I believe so.

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MS. SPENCER: Okay.

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

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

(Laughter.)

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

VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Leave now.

(Laughter.)

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

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

MR. GIBBONS: I do.

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay, thank you.

Other business?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

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

MS. GROWNEY: Motion to adjourn.

MR. MACHTAY: Second.

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MS. SPENCER: Second.

CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Actually, Mary Ann I think.

All in favor?

(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

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

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