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NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR LAKE RONKONKOMA



(Legislator Leslie Kennedy Speaking at Lake Ronkonkoma County Park)

March 9, 2017- Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) was joined with other Suffolk County official's and County Executive Steve Bellone (D- Babylon) at Lake Ronkonkoma County Park, as Steven Bellone singed into action legislation to install a new wastewater treatment system in Lake Ronkonkoma County Park.

Introductory Resolution 1113 was voted on last Tuesday in order to provide funding for the wastewater treatment system. This project is part of a larger initiative to clean up Lake Ronkonkoma and the surrounding area. This legislation was unanimously approved by the Suffolk County Legislature.

The updated wastewater treatment system will be able to remove 2,100 pounds of nitrogen per year. It is extremely important that Long Island's water source is protected, and this new system will help to work towards

that goal. These improvements come with no added cost to the tax payers, as the \$407,000 needed to install the new system will come out of the New Enhanced Suffolk County Water Quality Protection Program.



(Legislator Tom Cilmi, County Executive Steve Bellone, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, and others who took part in the press conference)

“It is vitally important that we install this new wastewater treatment system in our county park. Lake Ronkonkoma is a beautiful lake, but it will only remain beautiful if we work to preserve it. We are so fortunate to have such stunning landscapes here in Suffolk County,” said Legislator Kennedy. “We must continue to install these new wastewater treatment systems for the good of our island and our sole source aquifer that provides all our drinking water, it is the best thing we can do for the environment and our own health. Hopefully grants will be accepted for two additional nitrogen reduction systems in the Town of Islip Park and the Town of Brookhaven Park surrounding the lake.”

For more information about this event or other events in the community, please call our office at (631)-854-3735 or log onto Legislator Kennedy’s Facebook page at facebook.com/LegislatorLeslieKennedy.

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Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy represents the 12th Legislative District, encompassing Smithtown, Nesconset, Hauppauge, the Village of the Branch, Lake Grove, parts of Commack, Ronkonkoma, Lake Ronkonkoma and Centereach. Legislator Kennedy was born and raised on Long Island, is a former nurse and small business manager, and has dedicated her life towards the betterment of our community. She currently serves on the following Committees: Budget and Finance, Education and Human Services, Government Operations, Personnel, and Information Technology, Health, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Veterans