

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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County Executive Bellone & Legislator Kate Browning to Announce New Housing Initiative

County Provides Ten Parcels to Jumpstart Revitalization in Mastic Beach Village Through Partnership with Village, Habitat for Humanity & LI Housing Partnership

Who: **County Executive Steve Bellone**, Suffolk County
Legislator Kate Browning, Suffolk County, 3rd LD
Mayor Bill Biondi, Mastic Beach Village
Deputy Mayor Gary Stiritz, Mastic Beach Village
Trustee Gail Capiello, Mastic Beach Village
Trustee Bob Morrow, Mastic Beach Village
Director Jill Rosen-Nikoloff, Suffolk County Real Property Division
Chief Executive Vivian Becker, Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk
Joseph Sanseverino, Long Island Housing Partnership
President Frank Capiello, Osprey Pointe Civic Association
President Alan Chasinov, Mastic Beach Property Owner's Association

What: In an aggressive move designed to jump start revitalization in the new Village of Mastic Beach, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Legislator Kate Browning are announcing an initiative to develop affordable housing through Suffolk County's 72-h program. Habitat for Humanity will partner with the Village of Mastic Beach on rehabilitation of seven parcels that were approved by the Suffolk County Legislature in September for transfer through the 72-h program. The Long Island Housing Partnership will develop affordable housing for middle-class families on three additional parcels Suffolk transferred to the Village previously.

Why: Suffolk County's 72-h program, which seeks to rehabilitate tax defaulted properties, prevents parcels from being auctioned to speculators, and instead works in conjunction with non-profit housing organizations to provide affordable homeownership opportunities for working families. Mastic Beach Village officials have been working diligently, in partnership with the county, to increase homeownership and decrease blighted properties in the area.

Where: 160 Huguenot Drive, Mastic Beach, NY 11951

When: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 @ 12:30pm.

Directions: William Floyd Parkway south to Neighborhood Rd. Make left (heading east on Neighborhood). Make right onto Huguenot Drive. 160 Huguenot will be on your right.