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Legislator Browning Recognizes Mastic Beach Neighborhood Country Market's Participation in Healthy Corner Store Project



Pictured left to right: (Erin Thoresen, Director of Programs for Sustainable Long Island, August Ruckdeschel of the Suffolk County Food Policy Council, Legislator Kate Browning, Gregson Pigott - Department of Health/Office of Minority Health, Abdul Rattu, owner of Neighborhood Country Market, Mrs. Abdul, Hon. Vivian Viloría-Fisher, Vito Minei, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, and Allison Puglia, Island Harvest.)

Mastic Beach, NY – Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) joined representatives from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services' Office of Minority Health, Island Harvest, Sustainable Long Island, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, and the Suffolk County Food Policy Council at the Neighborhood Country Market in Mastic Beach to kick off Suffolk County's Healthy Corner Store Project.

The Healthy Corner Store Project is a collaboration between members of the Suffolk County Food Policy Council, and is a unique trial to encourage local businesses to distribute and promote fresh, healthful foods to residents who live in communities that lack access to affordable options. The event featured discounts on 1% and skim milk, new outdoor signage promoting healthy food choices, samples of healthy foods and free lunches for children.

“It is so important that we provide healthy food choices for our residents, especially in communities that historically lack access to affordable options,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “I am proud to see this initiative kick-off in the heart of Mastic Beach, which has desperately needed cost effective options that promote healthy lifestyles. Hopefully we will see more stores coming on board.”

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