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Legislator Browning Draws Angelina Mederos of Shirley As Third District Septic Lottery Winner

Homeowner Will Receive Free Advanced Wastewater Treatment System



(Legislator Kate Browning draws Shirley resident Angelina Mederos's name from a box of third district residents as Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone looks on.)

Hauppauge, NY – Suffolk County residents who will receive a free advanced wastewater treatment system that greatly reduces nitrogen contamination were drawn from a lottery at the Suffolk County Legislature's December 15 general meeting. The County conducted the lottery to select 19 homeowners to receive the free system, including free installation, monitoring and maintenance for five years. Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) randomly selected Angelina Mederos of Shirley among applicants from the third legislative district.

The pilot program is part of Suffolk County's plan to improve the County's water quality and eradicate nitrogen pollution by means of sewerage targeted areas and implementing advanced on-site wastewater treatment systems. In addition to covering maintenance for five years, the septic system suppliers are also including a five-year warranty for both parts and labor. After the five years, the selected homeowners will have to pay for an annual maintenance contract, the average annual cost of which may vary by supplier, but is estimated to be around \$200-\$400, based on data from other jurisdictions with developed market for advanced treatment systems. Also, there will be the cost of electricity to run the systems, in the area of \$5 to \$20 per month.

“This is a great opportunity for Suffolk County to expand its wastewater treatment options while at the same time homeowners can benefit from an upgraded system at no cost to them,” stated Legislator Browning. “Congratulations to Ms. Mederos on being the lucky winner. I am hopeful that this pilot will lead to more homeowner’s like her being able to enhance their wastewater treatment and reduce nitrogen in our groundwater.”

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