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**Parks Chairwoman Hahn and Legislator Fleming Tour
South Fork's County Parks**



SOUTH FORK, NY– Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming (D-Sag Harbor) joined Majority Leader and new Parks & Recreation Committee Chair, Legislator Kara Hahn (D-Setauket), on a tour of County owned parkland on the South Fork. Legislator Hahn

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requested the tour that explored Parks Department holdings from Riverside to Montauk as a first step toward fully understanding the scope and needs of County park resources within the Second Legislative District. During their tour, Legislators Fleming and Hahn visited three flagship county parks and acres of preserved open space, including Cranberry Bog County Park, Cedar Point County Park and Montauk County Park.



“Suffolk County’s substantial open space and park land are the natural resources that define our quality of life and make Suffolk unique,” said Legislator Hahn. “This tour of key parks and parklands within Legislator Fleming’s district provided a great opportunity for me to better understand the unique needs of this area and what is required to fulfill our shared commitment to protecting and promoting these incredible resources. Our County parks and beaches have an abundance to offer our residents and tourists.”

In 2012, Legislator Hahn was tapped to serve as chairperson of the Legislature’s Environment, Planning and Agriculture [EPA]. In addition, since January 2017, Hahn has chaired Suffolk’s Parks and Recreation Committee. “Legislator Fleming is an invaluable partner in furthering our mission to preserve and enhance our open space, agricultural land, historical landmarks and our parks throughout Suffolk County. We stand committed to ensuring that our beautiful natural resources are preserved and are able to use by our residents.”

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“Our stunning beaches, open space and parkland are an important economic driver for the South Fork and must be supported and protected.” said Legislator Fleming. “I am happy that Legislator Hahn took the time to personally visit the parks in my district, to see firsthand some of the issues our parklands on the South Fork are facing.”

In her role as Parks and Recreation Chairwoman, Legislator Hahn is focused on protecting the County’s more than 46,000 acres of parkland from illegal dumping and misuse, while also increasing ways for the public to utilize and enjoy these sites. As Chair and committee member of the EPA Committee, Legislators Hahn and Fleming will continue to oversee the County’s land acquisition programs, water quality improvement initiatives, farmland protection efforts, smart growth planning and numerous other projects.