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Legislator Al Krupski Appointed to Sewer Infrastructure Committee

Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory has appointed First District Legislator Al Krupski as his designee on the county's Sewer Infrastructure Committee.

"I am pleased to appoint Legislator Krupski to the Sewer Infrastructure Committee," said Presiding Officer Gregory. "His expertise and knowledge of the critical connection between open space preservation, drinking water protection and quality sewer infrastructure will contribute to the committee's efforts to expand and improve Suffolk County's sewer infrastructure, grow our economy, preserve our aquifer and maintain our quality of life for future generations."

The purpose of the committee is to approve the use of excess monies in the sewer Assessment Stabilization Reserve Fund (ASRF). The ASRF, which is supported by the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Fund through a quarter-penny sales tax, is used for capital improvements to existing county-owned sewage treatment plants (STPs) and to give tax relief to residents who live within Suffolk County's 22 sewer districts.

Since 2011, when it was determined that the fund was generating more money than was needed for infrastructure repairs and rate stabilization, the Suffolk County Legislature expanded the use of ASRF to include the construction of new STPs and other water protection projects, such as denitrification systems for areas where sewerage is not appropriate. Legislator Krupski is a strong advocate of the use of decentralized wastewater treatment systems as alternatives to STPs and has been working with the Suffolk County Department of Planning and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services to expedite approval of their use in the county.

"I want to thank Presiding Officer Gregory for appointing me as his designee to the committee and I look forward to serving," said Legislator Krupski, "Improving water quality is important for all Suffolk County residents and expanding the treatment of wastewater is an important way to help accomplish this goal."