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## Suffolk County Legislator

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## **Legislator Al Krupski Calls on County to Lead by Example to Protect Water Quality**

**Sponsors Legislation to Utilize Advanced Wastewater Treatment in Suffolk County Parks**

Legislator Al Krupski, who represents the Towns of Southold, Riverhead and parts of eastern Brookhaven, has sponsored legislation that would oblige Suffolk County to utilize advanced wastewater treatment in Suffolk County Parks. If adopted by the Suffolk County Legislature and signed by the County Executive, the legislation would direct the Parks Department to replace traditional septic systems with alternative systems at the time when the existing systems fail or if improvements or upgrades to those systems are required.

“We know that nitrogen pollution leads to the degradation of both ground and surface waters and we also know that cesspools don’t remove nitrogen from wastewater,” said Legislator Krupski. “There are systems now available which are proven to remove significant amounts of nitrogen from wastewater and Suffolk County should be phasing in their use at county facilities. Because of the environmental sensitivity of Suffolk County parklands, this is an ideal place to start.”

Plans are already in the works to replace a failing septic system at Meschutt Beach, a Suffolk County Park located in Hampton Bays. The work is expected to be completed next spring. Legislator Krupski believes the county needs to begin getting these advanced wastewater systems in the ground, “My legislation is crafted to move forward but in a manner that will spread the cost of installing these advanced wastewater systems overtime, while giving the county the ability to prioritize locations.”

Suffolk County holds and manages dozens of parks that comprise over 46,000 acres of parkland. Activities permitted in Suffolk County Parks range from hiking to fishing, hunting and RV camping. Most of the parks have facilities that require wastewater treatment.

Legislator Krupski’s bill was moved out of the Parks and Recreation Committee on Wednesday and will be considered by the entire legislature at their General Meeting on December 1.

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