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## All Aboard as Rails to Trails Moves Forward



*Representatives of The RBA Group join Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker, Chief Engineer of Public Works William Hillman, and Commissioner of Public Works Gilbert Anderson at the Rails to Trails Community Forum in the fall of 2012.*

**Mt. Sinai, February 5, 2015-** The Port Jefferson-Wading River Rails to Trails project continues to move forward with the passage of Introductory Resolution 1020, which was unanimously approved at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the full Suffolk County Legislature. The resolution, which is crucial to the progress of the project, advances the next phase of community input, design and preliminary engineering.

“I’ve received a great deal of positive feedback and I’m looking forward to moving Rails to Trails forward,” said Legislator Anker. “The project complements the many family oriented destinations along the path including parks, bike paths and museums and will provide a much needed safe place for residents to walk, jog and bike.”

The project, which had been sitting idle for over ten years, has seen tremendous progress since Legislator Anker took office in 2011. Through her ongoing efforts, the proposed ten mile recreational path has overcome many required governmental hurdles and has gained overwhelming community support. Additionally, trail construction may include a parking area in partnership with the Tesla Museum in Shoreham.

"Rails to Trails is a truly innovative way of promoting healthy lifestyle options to our residents and we are honored to support the project," said County Executive Steve Bellone. "We look

forward to working with Legislator Anker and our local communities to design and provide a fun and safe recreational outlet for our residents.”

“The Board of Tesla Science Center at Wardenlyffe is excited to see the proposed Tesla Trail moving forward,” said Jane Alcorn, President of the Tesla Science Center at Wardenlyffe. “We look forward to working with the County and its contractors as plans progress. The trail will have an access point at our site, and will border our northern boundary. We are pleased that the Suffolk Legislature has taken this step to create a wonderful resource for the communities along its path.”

Woody Brown, President of the Miller Place Civic Association, has also voiced his support. “The Miller Place Civic Association has strongly endorsed the concept of the Rails-to-Trails project in Miller Place and the adjoining hamlets since the idea was first initiated over 10 years ago,” he said. “We are pleased that the County has approved this legislation to move the project forward.”

“I am excited about the recreational potential this Rail to Trails project offers for both residents of, and visitors to our North Shore. From Setauket to Wading River, once completed, this vision will complement other already completed projects in offering unparalleled outdoor opportunities and make our area truly a destination for all,” said Legislator Kara Hahn. “I applaud Legislator Anker for never giving up on what was once, not too long ago, just a dream.”

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