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Huntington Resident Sarah Lansdale Named Suffolk County Planning Director



Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) congratulates Huntington resident Sarah Lansdale on being named Suffolk County Director of Planning.

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... May 9, 2011) – Huntington resident Sarah Lansdale, a six-year member of the Suffolk County Planning Commission who most recently served as Executive Director of the not-for-profit Sustainable Long Island, was overwhelmingly approved to serve as Suffolk County Director of Planning at the Legislature's General Meeting on April 26. Ms. Lansdale replaces

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former County Planning Director Tom Isles who retired in March. She received the support of Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) in whose district she resides.

Ms. Lansdale joined Sustainable Long Island in 2001 as a senior community planner, She became Director of Development in 2003 prior to being named Acting Director and then Executive Director in 2004. She formerly held positions with the United Way of Long Island and WLIW 21 and was a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer. She holds a master's degree in Urban Planning from New York University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies from the University of Vermont.

A former member of the Governor-appointed Metropolitan Transit Authority Blue Ribbon Sustainability Commission, Ms. Lansdale was also a board member and program co-chair of the Women Economic Developers of Long Island and served on the Suffolk County Wastewater Task Force. She received the Economic Development Achievement Award from 100 Black Men of Long Island and was named to the Long Island Business News "40 Under 40" list.

"Sarah Lansdale has an extraordinary background in land use and community development planning," said Legislator D'Amaro. "She is a true asset to Suffolk County as we continue to seek ways to balance environmental preservation with smart growth development opportunities. "I welcome Sarah to this important position and know she will be very successful."

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