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LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY PARTICIPATES IN LONG ISLAND WATER CONFERENCE EVENT



From Left to Right: Legislator Kevin McCaffrey; New York State Assemblyman Joseph Saladino; and Suffolk County Legislator Thomas Cilmi.

Bethpage, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently joined with his colleagues from state and local government at the Long Island Water Conference's legislative breakfast held at Carlyle on the Green.

During the breakfast, attendees heard presentations, including one by Assemblyman Saladino, on some of the biggest issues facing Long Island's various water resources. The primary focus was on Long Island's unique groundwater system which is the main source of our drinking water. As of late, Long Island has been suffering from elevated levels of nitrogen in not only the groundwater, but in the surrounding saltwater bodies as well.

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The alarming rise of nitrogen levels is largely attributed to the lack of sewer systems and the dependence on underground septic tanks. This situation poses a variety of health and ecological risks which has brought the issue to the forefront of discussions among concerned citizens and policymakers alike.

“Long Island is very lucky to have such an abundance of water resources,” said McCaffrey. “However, we must remain vigilant in protecting these resources so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy the same benefits in the future. If we aim to keep the waters clean, we are going to have to start being more proactive. By working together and embracing the technology that is available to us, we can start moving in the right direction. I am thankful for the Long Island Water Conference’s foresight and dedication in the field.”

According to its website, the Long Island Water Conference (LIWC) was founded shortly after World War II, when Long Island’s population began to rapidly increase. From its inception, the LIWC committed itself to maintaining a clean and robust water supply for Long Island. For more information on the LIWC, please visit: <http://liwc.org/>.