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5	SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
6	COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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9	100 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, New York 11788
10	September 17, 2008
11	9:30 a.m.
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13	MEMBERS PRESENT:
14	R. LAWRENCE SWANSON, Chairman
15	MICHAEL KAUFMAN, Vice Chairman HON. JAY H. SCHNEIDERMAN
16	EVA GROWNEY RICHARD MACHTAY
17	THOMAS GULBRANSEN GLORIA G. RUSSO
18	MARY ANN SPENCER
19	JOY SQUIRES, CAC Representative RICHARD MARTIN, Historic Society
20	Representative
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1	THE CHAIRMAN: I'd like to call the meeting
2	to order. We have minutes of August 20th to discuss.
3	Anybody want to make a comment about them?
4	MR. KAUFMAN: Make to motion to approve.
5	MS. GROWNEY: Second.
6	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor?
7	(Show of hands)
8	THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?
9	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Abstain.
10	MR. KAUFMAN: Make that two.
11	THE CHAIRMAN: Two abstentions. Historic
12	Trust. Rich?
13	MR. MARTIN: I'll give you the update on the
14	housing program. At this point, we have seven vacancies
15	in county parks housing units and we are working on
16	still working on a resolution, new resolution that will
17	hopefully reduce the rents a bit, so we will be able to
18	fill these other seven units,
19	Commissioner John Pavacic from the Parks
20	Department is here today. He will be speaking today a
21	little bit on the Smithers property dedication. I think
22	we can also discuss that resolution at that point a
23	little further on what, he's working on with the
24	contracts. I think we mentioned that the Seatuck

Scully contract at the Stolly Estate has been signed and is in 1 2 We had a meeting with them yesterday to go over place. the work program and they will start working now on the 3 exhibit program and the exterior programs they have for the walkways and children's playground that they plan to install there. 6 That plan they will be bringing forward to the CEQ, which will be installed on the old tennis 8 courts that are on the site there. 9 Once the plans are complete, the design of the playground, they will bring that to CEQ for review. 10 11 have the dedication at Smithers property, at Hubbard 12 County Park that was sent to you. It's a very important piece of property, as you can see. We are looking to 13 dedicate the whole parcel, which is known as the 14 Smithers property. This originally was owned by the 15 Flanders Club, which was established in 1890, and it was 16 17 purchased by Mr. Smithers in 1963. Then after his 18 purchase, he went ahead and built some additional buildings, and we have two resolutions going forward 19 today, one for the dedication of the property and 20 historic action that relate to the Flanders Club, which 21 22 was the early owners, which Smithers was one of them. 23 Then the second list, which is the CEQ historic building list, are the additional buildings 24

2 unique in the sense of its historic significance to the 3 hunting history and reserves on Long Island, and also because of the natural environment there, but the property was altered during the course of ownership of 5 6 the Flanders Club and Smithers maintained that that is 7 why we also have, under the listing, the water control structures that were at Brinks Pond, Home Pond and Gunk 9 Hole. 10 These are man-made structures. We want to 11 list the simple man-made structures that regulate the 12 pond there for hunting. While it has extraordinary 13 natural resources, has also has been used as a hunting 14 preserve we want to maintain that use at the site while 15 we maintain the natural environment there. 16 I don't know if anybody has any questions. I 17 would like to run through the list of buildings here a 18 bit to point out what we are dedicating. 19 dedicating the whole parcel, and to go with that is the 20 original clubhouse, which actually dates about 1910. 21 The six cabins, which date to the early 20th century. 22 The kennel building and the two storage sheds, which 23 were used for the operation of the hunting preserve.

that were built by Mr. Smithers. This property is

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And the exceptional point here that relates to the

natural environment is the ecological significance of 7 the creeks, which are some of the best examples in New 2 York State for freshwater wetland or estuary or salt 3 4 marsh. I would like to turn it over to Economic 5 Commissioner Gibbons and Pavacic to discuss this portion 6 7 of the presentation. 8 MR. PAVACIC: Thank you for having me here 9 I would just like to first -- John W. Pavacic, Commissioner of the Suffolk County Parks Department. 10 would like to say, first of all, that I and the entire 11 Parks Department enthusiastically endorse this proposed 12 13 designation today. This is a magnificent and very significant parcel located in the preservation area of 14 15 the Central Pine Barrens, has a wide range of ecological communities, magnificent array of rare and significant 16 17 habitats and wildlife and plant species. The tidal marshes alone are very, very extensive and form a bridge 18 19 between the Central Pine Barrens and Peconic estuary. 20 The various ecological communities extend much further into the interior of the Pine Barrens here. 21 And the current activities there are on the passive side, and 22 23 that is the type of thing that we would like to 24 maintain, keep this as a very low key type of use for

1	this parcel.
2	This designation will go a long way toward
3	protecting that as aspect of this property. We want to
4	make sure that every part of this parcel, that both its
5	ecological and historical resources are adequately
6	protected, and this designation will do a great deal to
7	ensure that. If there are any questions?
8	THE CHAIRMAN: John, first of all, I don't
9	think I have seen you since your new position, so
10	congratulations.
11	MR. PAVACIC: Thank you very much.
12	MR. GIBBONS: Nick Gibbons, Parks
13	Department. I would just add that this process of
14	bringing the property to you guys today in terms of the
15	historical significance and designation is about a year
16	in the making. Parks has recognized for a long time
17	this property held significant environmental resources
18	and also recreational ones as well, and the uses
19	currently going on on the site have been in place there
20	for well over a hundred years.
21	The park is of limited access now. We don't
22	necessarily see that as Parks having neglected a
23	recreational opportunity. Far from it; we feel that the
24	limited use of the site is exactly what is appropriate

and in order here for a variety of reasons. 1 At some 2 point in time we would like to explain better the Sportsmen Club era and we that I that that site presents 3 an opportunity to do so. 4 5 I would call your attention to other sites that are familiar to the council as well, including South Haven, and immediately adjacent to this property, 7 Black Duck Lodge. The south side, Sportsmen Club, which 8 is now Connecteduot State Park. All these properties 9 were significant open spaces on Long Island intact and 10 still exist, largely due to the foresight and means of 11 12 the sporting club era at the turn of the century. feel that the setting there and infrastructure that is 13 14 there may lend itself in the future to interpret that 15 experience. I think that designation is where it discusses museum use, unless I'm wrong about that, 16 17 Richard. 18 MR. MARTIN: No, functional use of the 19 property, most of it is functional because the museum 20 use was given to the clubhouse for future use. That was supposed to be the best building to do a program on the 21 22 hunting club era. 23 MR. GIBBONS: The other thing I want to add 24 to that, while there may be opinions to the contrary

] 1	today, a lot of the reason why this property is in such
	2	great shape and hosts a variety of wildlife and habitats
	3	is because of the hunting and fishing experience and man
	4	made those very since naturalized to the point where
	5	people assume wrongly where ponds on the site were
i	6	always there. That is not true. They are highly
	7	functioning freshwater wetlands and tidal marshlands in
	8	some cases. They were adequately maintained to enhance
	9	and increase the capacity for wildlife.
	10	One use was for recreational hunting. That is
	11	a small and somewhat insignificant impact on the
	12	wildlife there. The far greater benefit of the
	13	manipulations that the wildlife can thrive on the site,
	14	and they do. But Parks is very much committed to
	15	continuing those traditional uses of the property in a
	16	low impact way.
	17	THE CHAIRMAN: I have a couple of questions.
	18	First of all, should this also be considered for
	19	dedication to the nature preserve?
	20	MR. GIBBONS: It could be. It's essentially,
	21	I am not sure if such a designation would be more of a
	22	hinderance to the department than anything else, as it's
	23	in the Central Pine Barrens core preservation area. I
	24	believe there are already significant safeguards in
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1 place for potential development of the site. Some time in the future, Parks decided that it would be a major 2 policy change if they wanted to establish recreational 3 camping there or some other more intense use of the 5 site. I don't think the nature preserve designation would serve any more than the core preservation 7 8 designation of the state to protect it. My concern with 9 the nature preserve designation would be that it may complicate our ability to do environmental restoration 10 11 on the site. It wasn't initially anticipated or considered in the nature preserve handbook as it was 12 originally written. We tried at one point in time to 13 14 revise the handbook to update it and use species management, wet water restoration. 15 That didn't. 16 I would be reluctant at this point in time, progress. 17 given the current status of the handbook, to agree to 18 such. 19 THE CHAIRMAN: John, you probably haven't heard about this as much, but Nick certainly has. 20 21 council has been very concerned about the acquisition of properties with structures on it, and $\frac{\omega N \ell n}{then}$ there is no 22 23 apparent plan to do be able to maintain those.

wondering what your thoughts are, how you're going to

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2 MR. PAVACIC: Mr. Chairman, I can tell you 3 right now that we have received a grant from Assemblyman Englebright and that grant will go towards four areas, 4 one of which is restoration. We have targeted the main 5 6 lodge for initial restoration. That will include the 7 roof and other portions of the building that are attached to the roof. In addition, we are doing a 8 9 structural survey of the buildings that has just been authorized to be conducted, and I believe that will be 10 11 under way before the end of the year, so we are 12 cognizant of these buildings.

We also have an existing agreement with Ducks Unlimited. They do occupy some of the structures on the site and they do assist us in regard to the maintenance of some of the structures. We are very cognizant of the need to make sure these buildings do not deteriorate.

MS. GROWNEY: Good morning, gentlemen. Glad to see you here. I'm very excited about what you have been doing. I really thank you very much for working so diligently on this. I know we had some discussion about it before.

I like the direction that it's going. I think it's also very much in alignment, because I have been

1 aware of what the AIA has been working on. This is moving in a direction that I am very much in favor of. 2 3 The only question I have for you has to do with any kind of augmentations in terms of potential 5 non-fossil fuel use of energy. In terms of wind or solar or geothermal, has any of that been seriously 6 considered as ways to low impact-wise facilitate the 8 buildings and their energy use? 9 MR. PAVACIC: First of all, part of the grant 10 that I mentioned is also going toward a master plan for The initial focus of that is going to be an 11 the site. inventory, including ecological inventory, archeological 12 13 inventory. The first thing we need to do is get a much 14 better handle on the significant resources that are I don't want to hazard a guess and provide 15 there. assurances that they will we will be exploring green 16 17 energy there. Anything we do there has to be in keeping with the historic and ecological integrity of the 18 19 property. If there is potential for that, that is 20 something we will certainly explore. 21 The primary focous will be restoring and 22 preserving the structures and preserving the habitat 23 there and making sure that there are very, very low 24 impact uses that occur there as there are now.

1 MS. GROWNEY: With respect to wind energy in 2 particular, there had been some discussion at the AIA meeting that focused on the wind energy structures that 3 4 may have been on that site. I'm hoping that your 5 research will include trying to ascertain if that is 6 Because some of the windmills may have been part 7 of a watermill system. We have been told that is a 8 I don't know if that is true or not. possibility. Wе 9 would like to know some answers about that in your 10 research. 11 MR. PAVACIC: That is something I'm sure will 12 come up with the research. Again, when you're talking 13 about wind turbines, I'm somewhat familiar with those 14 that were proposed for offshore Long Island. That was 15 the initial proposal. They required a guaranteed minimum wind of eighteen miles an hour, fairly continual 16 basis. You need to have structures that are going to be 17 above the tree line to insure they're uninhibited by 18 19 disturbances to wind. Those are significant factors 20 that need to be accounted for. 21 Getting away from this particular site, whether any site is feasible for wind energy, of course 22 23 there are the visual impacts as well that are incurred 24 Again, I will not hazard a guess that we will by that.

- 1 be promising any kind of wind energy on the site.
- 2 Anything that is done on that site has to be in keeping
- 3 with its significant historic and natural resource
- 4 aspects.
- 5 MS. GROWNEY: I'm not referring to putting
- 6 turbines as the way we know those huge towers, but we
- 7 are talking about smaller units that were perhaps used
- 8 at some point on the property as they had been used
- 9 around the area. It may not be specifically to that
- 10 property, but they could be smaller units perhaps that
- are small towers that are no taller than a building, or
- 12 perhaps something that can be used on a roof line
- perhaps for the concrete block buildings, for example,
- something that would not be a major -- would not be
- 15 highly visible.
- 16 I'm hoping that your research will include to
- see if there was any presence of those kinds of
- 18 structures there. In addition to which I am hoping that
- 19 you will consider that there might be some sort of
- ecological technological presentation, if you will,
- about what can happen in the environment like that, that
- is there, and how people can protect that environment.
- Not just the historical part, which I think is
- 24 significant, but also the ecological historical aspect.

	1	MR. PAVACIC: If something along those lines
	2	is deemed to be feasible, again it is consistent with
	3	the magnificent historic and ecological resources on the
	4	property. It's something that we would consider. Our
	5	primary mission is to protect what is there now and not
	6	to harm or hinder it in any way.
	7	MS. GROWNEY: Understood and I applaud that.
	8	MR. GULBRANSEN: Thank you Greg for your
	9	effort. It's encouraging to hear you recognize the
	10	ecological functions and value that is there. I have a
	11	request that the master plan include some of the ongoing
	12	activities that would be necessary for that water
	13	control complex. I would like to make sure we keep that
	14	going.
	15	The question I have is about the legacy. When
	16	the Remington Club was released when they released it
	17	up in the Connecticut shore, they had a substantial
	18	project under hand to deal with lead shot that
	19	accumulated over the decades. Are we clear on that? I
	20	don't know the pattern of skeet or other shot that
	21	occurred over the century. Do we know that lead shot
	22	deposits are substantial enough to be taken up by you?
	23	MR. GIBBONS: We are very well versed in lead
	24	shot. There is no reason to believe there is
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1 significant accumulations of lead shot. It's a very 2 small club by scale. There is no formal shooting range 3 area, as there are in some larger clubs. The shooting 4 was spread out over many different stations over many 5 We don't expect to have any one large deposit on 6 the site. 7 MR. KAUFMAN: My first comment is addressed The windmills that you were talking about 8 to Eva first. in the Hampton areas, et cetera, I had occasion to look 9 Those dealt mainly with wells and hydraulic 10 into that. 11 management. They weren't exactly power generators, they were much like what occurs in Holland today. 12 They're literally pushing the salt back and doing 13 14 hydraulic management, which I'm familiar with. 15 This is next is addressed to Nick and the 16 commissioner. I notice that we have several water 17 control structures on here. I notice in the aerials 18 that the area is ditched. The area has naturalized to 19 basically a continuum from fresh water to saltwater. 20 Given the issues that we had with vector control and habitat change, we're going to need these 21 structures up. Are they in good shape right now or are 22 they adequate to keep the assemblage in place? 23

seen pictures of them. I was last there about ten years

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2 MR. GIBBONS: No, they're not in good shape 3 and they're not adequate to maintain the freshwater 4 features much longer, with the exception of one that was 5 replaced by Ducks Unlimited as part of their stewardship 6 with us. I can identify that for you on the aerial later, if you're interested, the one which we repaired. 7 8 They require significant capital improvement at the 9 There are three really that could be deemed 10 failed at this point in time. We are continuously putting Band Aids on those, mostly in response to storm 11 12 events. We will come back after a storm they will be completely blown out and drained. 13 Within a week or two 14 it's back.

That's okay. It's not going to have an significant impact on upstream wetland. Over time it may; we don't want to have exposed sediments colonized by invasive species. At one point in time we had a significant natural community. We recognize that Mike, and we have earmarked capital funding for that as well. We will take a harder control. My purpose is while we recognize the historic structures list, putting them on the structures list gives you more flexibility to do repair work. If the concrete is seventy years old, you

	1	don't want to be limited in one year patching.
	2	MR. GIBBONS: I don't think there would be
	3	any dispute among the council that these are not at all
	4	interesting or significant features. They are simply
	5	structures that are put there to support the
	6	impoundment. We would use we have be working with
	7	DPW Waterways to take a look at how we might engineer a
	8	better way to keep this and maintain the feature on the
	9	property.
	10	MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you.
	11	MR. MARTIN: I would like to throw in when we
	12	list the structures and features on the site, while it
	13	allows us a little more leeway to repair or change the
	14	structures, it would also bring that to the historic
	15	just for review. That project would come forward.
	16	MR. KAUFMAN: Good enough. Thank you.
	17	THE CHAIRMAN: In the Chain of command and
	18	Suffolk County, does vector control trump Parks with
	19	regard to maintenance with regard to the vector
	20	control?
	21	MR. GIBBONS: I wouldn't necessarily put it
	22	that way. We work in concert with them that way. This
	23	was a site where we did ditch plugging. I know that
	24	kind of fell out of favor, but this site was
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1 The wildlife response for those ditches excellent. 2 being plugged the water features that came out were a 3 great asset to the property, and the wildlife response 4 was terrific. 5 That being said, we're a long way to returning 6 to that site, and we haven't had ditches maintained here except for the purposes of that ditch plugging effort. 7 8 We had to create fish haven that would actually support 9 fish up on the meadow to feed invertebrates. though we know the site is producing quite a large 10 population of mosquitoes, the proximity to residential 11 12 areas is not very close. 13 MS. SPENCER: I would just like to point out 14 before we vote on this, that while there are number of structures that are listed that are mentioned, some are 15 dedicated and some are listed. Main focus here it's 16 17 unusual to dedicate the entire parcel. That is done because of the natural resource component and that 18 19 should be underlined. That is the beginning. 20 The structures, while they are historic and 2.1 important, it really is the site itself that is so 22 unique that is why we have brought it forward for 23 dedication. 24 THE CHAIRMAN: That being said, would you

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1	like to make a motion?
2	MS. SPENCER: I would indeed.
3	MS. GROWNEY: I second.
4	MS. SPENCER: My motion is that we dedicated
5	the Flanders Club Smithers property within Hubbard
6	County Park, Flanders, to the Suffolk County Historic
7	Trust and then, do you want me to mention the
8	dedications on the listing specifically within the
9	motion, the park itself be dedicated? That with the
10	preservation category architectural clubhouse, Cabins 1
11	through 6, the kennel building, Storage Shed 1 and
12	Storage Shed 2 be dedicated. That the reason that the
13	listing is for the dedication of the park are
14	archeological, terrain and exceptional.
15	That the property be dedicated under the use
16	categories, functional and museum, for the clubhouse,
17	and that the following be listed. The six bay garage,
18	brooder house, pump house, Brinks Pond water control
19	structure, Home Pond water control structure and Gunk
20	Hole water control structure.
21	MS. GROWNEY: I'm going to abstain.
22	MR. BAGG: Point of clarification. This
23	would be a recommendation for dedication. The
24	legislature makes the dedication.

1	MS. RUSSO: I second.
2	THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? All
3	in favor? (Show of hands) Opposed? No opposition,
4	one abstention, motion passes.
5	MR. MARTIN: I would like to mention an event
6	that we are having at one of our sites over Sagtikos
7	Manor. Bay Shore Village is celebrating its
8	tricentennial and the will be having a fundraising event
9	for the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society October 5th
10	between two and four. I would like to invite everyone
11	from the council to attend the event.
12	I do have invitations that I can pass out at
13	the end of the meeting.
14	(The hearing was closed at 10:00 a.m.)
15	THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to move one agenda
16	up on the list, Francis Gabreski up on the list. Is
17.	there anybody here to speak on the matter?
18	MR. CEGLIO: Anthony Ceglio, airport manager.
19	The airport we would like to request the consideration
20	of the council to postpone this item until next month.
21	The airport conservation panel which, meets to make a
22	recommendation to the council, has not met yesterday.
23	They're not going to meet until October 3rd. We would
24	like to get their recommendation before we come to you.

1	THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection to that? We
2	will see you next month.
3	Table project IR 1216-2008, adopting local
4	law to reduce the use of fertilizers in waters in
5	Suffolk County.
6	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: We don't have to take
7	action on this because the bill has timed out. It met
8	it's six month demise. It will be refiled. I had some
9	problems convincing my colleagues about the one hundred
10	foot setbacks. It mandates fertilizers not be used
11	within a hundred feet of fresh water, which sucks up a
12	lot of the oxygen, which cause a lot of disasters for
13	our green life.
14	I think it's an important bill. I'm
15	frustrated that we seem to keep putting our green lawns
16	ahead of our environment and our health, but I am coming
17	back with a reduced setback and exemption for properties
18	that contain naturally vegetated areas. It's not going
19	to be nearly what I would like to see, but it has a
20	better chance of passing, I think.
21	That is life in Suffolk County right now. You
22	will be asked to make a SEQRA declaration on a new
23	bill.
24	THE CHAIRMAN: Jay, as you know, we had some

1	questions, but overall everybody was very supportive.
2	I'm looking forward to getting this back.
3	This is a public meeting. If you have a
4	desire to speak about a particular project phase, feel
5	free to let us know and you can come up and make
6	comments about it. We usually do that on a project by
7	project basis. Recommended Type 2 action. Jim, do you
8	have any recommendations on legislative resolutions?
9	MR. BAGG: Everything has Type 2 actions or
10	previously been reviewed by the CEQ. They're fairly
11	standard.
12	THE CHAIRMAN: We want to have a motion to
13	accept staff recommendations.
14	MR. KAUFMAN: Motion to accept staff
15	recommendations.
16	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Second.
17	THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion? (No response)
18	All in favor? Opposed. Motion carries.
19	Theodore Roosevelt Park. I think that was
20	handed out this morning. Nick, welcome back.
21	MR. GIBBONS: My apologies for handing out it
22	out late. It's entirely my fault. To be honest with
23	you, I wouldn't normally bring something like this to
24	the council, but Montauk being Montauk, we wanted to be

sure that the council was aware of what I consider a

very small and insignificant change in use of a degraded

area within Theodore Roosevelt County Park.

As you know, we have a master plan for the site that was a long process, in and of itself, adopted 1995. What I provided for you here, I'm just going to go through these materials first. I haven't hardly had a chance to look at it. The request is to use an area behind the primary dune on what we call the outer beach section of Theodore Roosevelt County Park, just east of Lake Montauk, for overflow or to make up for lost camping areas on the outer beach itself.

The outer beach of Montauk accommodates two hundred recreational vehicles, optimal. It can hold many more than that, but a policy was made by the Master Plan and Parks Department to only hold two hundred at any given time, for a variety of reasons, primarily erosion and nesting of threatened shore birds. We don't get to two hundred, ever.

We would like to help offset just a portion of this loss in the back area. The area behind the primary dune, it's a former dredge spoil site from the early '70's. There was a one time effort where sediment from the mouth of was pumped to the east. That doesn't

happened. It goes to the west as the drift is that
way. As a result, that back dune area still has a dike
entirely surrounding it and it's degraded. It's been
colonized mostly by noninvasive species. I included
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The policy is explained in the document I attached. This was generated by Parks. This speaks to being in accordance with the adopted Master Plan and the reasons for it, which I have explained briefly. included the relevant pass out of the Master Plan assessment, which establishes the two hundred vehicle limit. I included an aerial. The aerial shows the existing outer beach road, we would call it, and the cut through the primary dune out on to the outer beach itself, where it enters outer beach. We have camping both to the east and to the west, and the proposed auxilliary camping is outlined in red.

You can almost make out the dike that runs almost parallel to the red line to the south. And it's only really a portion of the former spoil area. Then I included several photos that I took maybe two weeks ago of the site. It's vegetated. We have noted for the past couple of years it shows what I would categorize as grassland vegetation. There have the occasional tree

1 here and there. 2 We expect to fit about forty units, camping 3 units in here. The idea being that if we don't have reservations, as we do as other places, it's not 4 5 workable there. If somebody were to come out and be turned away, it's kind of a long ride, especially from 6 Western Suffolk and beyond. So we like to give them the option of parking down there and enjoying at least some 8 camping experience without having to turn them away 9 because we can't manage to fit, in a responsible way, 10 11 the number of units we are permitted to out on the beach itself. 12 That is essentially it. 13 THE CHAIRMAN: What do the forty units consist of? 14 15 MR. GIBBONS: Depending on your point of 16 view, that a component recreational camping, anywhere 17 from twenty to thirty foot long trailers that typically 18 unhook from the back of a pickup truck. So you need a tow vehicle, you need to have our outer beach sticker to 19 20 even access the area, as well they unhook and they can 21 take the tow vehicle out on the beach to a day trip area 22 and unload all the stuff that comes with going to the 23 beach, which is guite a bit. 24 THE CHAIRMAN: You're not putting in asphalt

1	paths?
2	MR. GIBBONS: No, this is going to be on
3	existing grade. There will be no water, sewer or
4	electrical hook-ups here. We don't have that on the
5	outer beach, either, we have a disposal dump space.
6	These are all self-contained units. They have to be
7	required by Parks to include a self-contained bathroom
8	inside the unit. They have that and much more,
9	television, air conditioning, all kinds of things.
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: First, let me say that I
11	toured the site recently with the commissioner and other
12	members of the Parks Department as well as park
13	trustees. First my condolances to the family of John
14	Pruitt, chairman of the park trustees who recently
15	passed away. Now, this idea was described to me as a
16	pilot project. Was it in use at all this summer?
17	MR. GIBBONS: No.
18	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: The documents that you
19	presented here for 2008, we're really looking for a
20	pilot project for 2009.
21	MR. GIBBONS: Correct.
22	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: You said it's a former
23	dredge spoil site. Is it needed for a future dredge
24	spoil site for the future dredging?

1	MR. GIBBONS: We would want it on the beach,
2	not behind the dune.
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Usually with the large
4	dredge projects, they want to be on the beach.
5	MR. GIBBONS: We have to talk to DPW about
6	that. They almost always want to leave their options
7	open for the former spoil sites, but in this case, no.
8	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: This is an area where
9	there may be some species, plant species, particularly
10	maritime grasses in this area. Have you done inventory
11	of this area to make sure that the area that you're
12	mowing and clearing you're not removing rare habitat?
13	MR. GIBBONS: We are pretty familiar with the
14	maritime grass species. We have an area within the park
15	itself. Adoption of that plan came through CEQ maybe
16	six or seven years ago, I'm not sure. We worked very
17	closely with the Nature Conservency on that project.
18	This area in question is not considered a significant
19	habitat.
20	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: At the end of the one year
21	trial, we're going to have an evaluation, then determine
22	whether it's going to be a more permanent project. Tell
23	me how that will unfold and what opportunities this body
24	legislature will have to review this before it's made

1 permanent. 2 MR. GIBBONS: At the council's pleasure, we 3 can come back at the end of the one year pilot period and discuss any issues that we had. 4 The tricky part of 5 this project is we may not need it next year. 6 only a handful of occasions in a given season where the 7 right combination of poor weather or holiday weekend or a popular weekend to come out that we're turning people 8 9 On those times, when it does happen, we would like to have an area for that use if it's needed. 10 11 This policy, while it's the product of many 12 hours on our end to come up with each scenario of how 13 this would come into play, once we change or institute or change any policy, invariably something comes up that 14 15 we didn't think about, so we like the opportunity to 16 call it a pilot so we can adjust it. 17 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: So can I anticipate at the 18 end of '09 you coming up with some kind of report? 19 MR. GIBBONS: We can if you want to. 20 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It's a very unusual and 21 beautiful place and everybody wants to make sure it 22 stays that way. There is considerable concern here that 23 this is opening of some expansion to the park. 24 taking you at your word that it is not, but I think that

- is a concern that the use will intensify beyond what was envisioned in the Master Plan.
- I think what I would be looking for is some

 assurance that there will be a fair assessment of this

 area in terms of how, what worked and what didn't work

 so we can then make a good judgment as to how to proceed

 in the future.
- MR. GIBBONS: We have meet with both sides
 and a variety of constituents at the site, groups who
 had been for years opposed to that because they saw that
 as a back doorway for Parks Department to get people off
 from camping on the beach.
- I have to state that I can't see this as an
 expansion in any way in that any expansion would require
 modification to or adoption of a new Master Plan. We're
 already limited by the Master Plan, so this is only
 serving or proposed to serve us getting to fulfillment
 of what the Master Plan envisioned, not an expansion in
 any way.
- MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I can expect a report,

 even a page or two saying what worked or didn't work?

 It's a pilot project.
- MR. GIBBONS: I think that is fair to assume that, yes.

1	THE CHAIRMAN: I think that would be a good
2	idea. Jim reminded me that a number of years ago, the
3	CEQ did approve the entire dredge spoil area as a
4	camping area and gave the project a negative
5	declaration. We are on record already as having
6	designated.
7	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It's not a nature preserve
8	status?
9	THE CHAIRMAN: No.
10	MS. GROWNEY: I wondered if there were any
11	other areas that have been explored? Were there any
12	other areas looked at? What the reasons where that this
13	was chosen?
14	MR. PAVACIC: As Nick mentioned before,
15	because it was degraded with dredge spoil, that was the
16	only area that came to pass. As you can see from the
17	aerial photograph, the birms that were used to create
18	dikes to dewater the dredge spoil are still very
19	evident. Today, just by looking at the photographs, you
20	can see there is a significant difference in the
21	vegetation on the site, which indicates that it wasn't
22	natural topography to begin with.
23	I would just like to address Legislator
24	Schneiderman's concern. This concept wasn't designed to

1 become permanent. Let's say we do an analysis after 2 going through the pilot project, and determined that it 3 might be worthwhile to carry this forward. We have no plans to make this -- to extend any other kind of 5 infrastructure or improvements to the site. It would 6 remain as it is right now, with absolutely no services 7 whatsoever, no sewer, no water, no public water, no 8 electricity, no gas lines, mains, nothing, like that 9 would be proposed for the site. 10 I can give you an anecdote last fall. The 11 outer beach at Montauk was evacuated on several 12 occasions because of nor'easters that came by and the 13 beach had to be evacuated. In those cases, all those folks had to be sent elsewhere. 14 We have a lot of people 15 that come to Montauk that live Up Island. They come at 16 a significant hardship. They drive for several hours to 17 get there. That is one reason for this. 18 It is a rather unique resource. What we're 19 trying to do is balance the resources there with the 20 public access there, but also do that in a very, very 21 prudent plan. 22 MR. KAUFMAN: I was looking through the 23 documents that were handed out. I'm glad to see there is erosion control on the backside of the dune to keep 24

1 people basically off of it. That was part of our neg 2 dec awhile back. Is there any protection on the shore 3 front dune too? That was one of my concerns twelve 4 years ago when Legislator Guildy was in office, and 5 there was a meeting about this park. One of my concerns 6 was keeping people off the seaward tow of this dune. 7 I'm not sure what I'm seeing right now if if this area 8 is opened up at all. 9 MR. GIBBONS: On the other side of that we 10 have spots that we run snow fence along the dune to 11 prevent encroachment. They tend to bite off. What is 12 on this aerial, we run snow fence along the entire outer 13 beach road to prevent anybody -- if you have ever been 14 there, you would never contemplate doing this -- walking 15 through the primary dune to get to the beach. It's 16 The beach plum and bayberry there is very impenetrable. 17 significant. Anybody that went that way to get to the 18 water would be miserable. 19 It was suggested that we put up the snow fence 20 up there to funnel people down that way. That would be 21 nothing more than two pieces of parallel snow fence to 22 guide people down to the beach in a responsible way. 23 MR. PAVACIC: There is a significant amount 2.4 of poison ivy and ticks and chiggers. We anticipate

- 1 putting signs there as well to provide additional
- warning.
- MR. KAUFMAN: I'm not allergic to poison ivy.
- 4 That wouldn't stop me.
- 5 MR. BAGG: That is not a dune, its a dike
- 6 that was put there . It's an artificial birm.
- 7 MS. RUSSO: Second.
- MR. BAGG: It's a Type 2; it's a temporary
- 9 use.
- MR. KAUFMAN: Withdrawn. We will go for
- 11 Type 2 neg dec.
- MS. RUSSO: Second.
- MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Abstain. I'm not sure
- 14 it's Type 2.
- 15 THE CHAIRMAN: He thinks it is. Let's see
- the show of hands again. (Show of hands) Opposed? (No
- response).
- MR. MACHTAY: Abstention.
- 19 THE CHAIRMAN: County road reconstruction.
- If you will introduce yourself for the stenographer, I
- 21 would appreciate it.
- MR. MACKEY: Russ Mackey. I'm a P.E.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Who else is with you.
- MR. BAZATA: James Bazata, with Greenman &

1	Pedersen, consulting engineers. I'm also a professional
2	engineer as well.
3	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
4	MacKey MR. MACHTAY: It is being addressed through a
5	county consultant and Jim will further discuss the
6	project.
7	MR. BAZATA: Council, good morning. This
8	project involves CR3 Pinelawn Road and Wellwood Avenue,
9	two separate areas along the corridor, along the Town of
10	Huntington and Babylon. The project is being introduced
11	by the county to address the existing deficiencies in
12	traffic capacity, deficiencies in the roadway, paving
13	conditions, other safety issues as well for the
14	traveling public.
15	The project itself, like I mentioned, is two
16	areas. One area up by Ruland Road and Colonial Springs
17	Road and intersection with CR3 Pinelawn Road, and to the
18	south, Wellwood Avenue at its intersection with Long
19	Island Avenue and Conklin Street. Both these
20	intersections are being reviewed by now as part of a
21	study to redesign the intersections to address the
22	issues that I mentioned earlier.
23	The reconstruction that we're looking at for
24	the Pinelawn Road intersection, Pinelawn and Ruland

1	Road, redevelops the intersection to introduce new
2	travel lanes, right turn lane and through lanes to
3	eliminate the current situation, which introduces many
4	left turn lanes, which adds to the efficiency in safety
5	in that area.
6	This will also introduce a jug handle
7	intersection. For those who can see the board there, it
8	will be the far board there on the right. Jug handle
9	intersection, what this will do will assist those
10	traveling eastbound on Ruland Road and Colonial Springs
11	Road and take them to northbound Pinelawn Road as well
12	as it will also eliminate what that will do is
13	eliminate making left turns onto Pinelawn Road from
14	Ruland Road, which is also a hinderance with the travel
15	public right there for safety reasons.
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Can I interrupt you?
17	MR. BAZATA: Sure, absolutely.
18	THE CHAIRMAN: Maybe it's me personally, but
19	I find jug handle turns very disconcerting. They have a
20	lot in New Jersey. We have one on 347. Suddenly a jug
21	handle turn appears and you have people cutting from the
22	left lane who are anticipating turning left going across
23	two and three lanes of traffic. It seems to me they're
24	far more dangerous than a well marked left turn lane.

What is your reaction?
MR. MACKEY: It will be well signed well in
advance so a driver will know who is coming up. It's
not a short left turn lane like New Jersey has or like
you're talking on 111 and 347. It will be a little
wider, a little longer so I believe it's two lanes as
well so you're not cutting over to get into the one
lane. We believe that the advance signing and the way
the layout is he will it will be safer than making a
left turn.
THE CHAIRMAN: How far from the left turn are
you going to actually start to sign?
MR. BAZATA: We will do so in accordance with
the DEC. It will be signed prior to the current
intersection. It will be signed well before, it does
have two lanes there. It does give the operator plenty
of room to get over to those two lanes.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
MS. RUSSO: Good morning. Can you please
define these acronyms on Page 2 of the EAF? The first
paragraph, individual movement operating at or below LOS
of E. What does that mean?
MR. BAZATA: LOS is level of service.
Basically what happens with level of service, we term

1	them in terms of A through F, A being terrific movement
2	basically throughout the intersection. There is no
3	congestion whatsoever. Traveling public can get through
4	quickly and easily. F being you're basically at a
5	standstill you're sitting like a parking lot waiting to
6	get through an intersection, or just traveling along the
7	highway itself. So the E, that is represented here
8	right now, represents that right now congestion is very
9	high throughout this area of Pinelawn and Ruland and
10	Colonial Springs Road and we need to improve it to get
11	the traveling public through faster.
12	MS. RUSSO: It will provide an LOS of C so it
13	will bump it up two levels.
14	MR. BAZATA: That is correct. Level C is an
15	acceptable level of service for this type of roadway.
16	The criteria that we follow, the highway design manual
17	put out by the New York State DOT and ARBTO, which
18	basically is a design manual put out by the the federal
19	government, they determine what is basically an
20	acceptable level of service.
21	MS. RUSSO: What the chairman said personally
22	about jug handles, New Jersey has a lot of them and has
23	had a lot of them for a number of years. Any idea of
24	how long they have had them and have they improved level

1	of service.
2	MR. MACKEY: It's not the same jug handle as
3	you see in New Jersey.
4	MS. RUSSO: They are a different shape.
5	MR. MACKEY: And shorter. The term is the
6	same, but it's not geometrically the same. Those are
7	basically short ones to get through an intersection.
8	This has time to get over, to get into a merge lane to
9	go the direction that you would like to go. Kind of
10	relating it to what Jersey has and what is on 347 is not
11	really the same geometric shape that we are proposing
12	here. I don't want to say don't think of those, but in
13	Jersey they are short geometric turns.
14	MR. BAZATA: The second portion of the
15	project that I spoke about is the first board closest to
16	me is down by Wellwood Avenue and the intersection with
17	Long Island Avenue and Conklin Street, currently that
18	intersection is operates at two intersections because
19	you have Long Island Avenue intersecting with Wellwood.
20	We have approximately four hundred feet to the south you
21	have Conklin Street intersecting with Wellwood Avenue.
22	What we would like to do is propose a single
23	intersection where it would be basically what would
24	happen, we kind of manipulate Long Island Avenue and

Conklin Street, bring them together to form one single
intersection versus the two that you have now. This is
for the same reasons I mentioned before. It's a
capacity situation. We will be widening lanes, widening
the area to provide additional through lanes, left turn
lanes and right turn lanes, and of course a single
intersection will operate more safely. This way you
don't have two separated by that few hundred feet.
THE CHAIRMAN: If you look at the EAF Page 5,
it says you're going to remove four acres of remove,
currently there are four acres that are wooded. After
completion, it's going to be two. Then on Page 9, you
say that there are six acres that are actually going to
be cleared.
Is that an inconsistency or am I reading the
form incorrectly; top of Page 9.
MR. BAZATA: What I have done here with the
wooded area, I considered heavily wooded areas, those
areas in particular, and with the six acres is overall
considering areas that just have minor shrubs and ground
cover, all types of vegetation. That is how I
differentiate between the two.
THE CHAIRMAN: If you go back to Page 5,
under one, where it says meadow, field, shrubs and so

forth, there probably should be more clearing 1 2 identified; is that correct? 3 MR. BAZATA: I think, I believe what we did is categorized them differently than what you see here. 4 5 As far as meadow, field, scrub oak versus wooded versus 6 the trees and shrubs, I considered the area to be more 7 of the shrub than versus scrub growth, if there is a difference. I tried to show that. 8 9 MS. RUSSO: Also further on Page 3 there are in consistencies 10 Scale of project. You have roads on site, twenty-five acres new road construction, 11 12 seventeen, which gives a total of forty-two acres. 13 Under C, you say develop acres, ultimately thirty-eight 14 acres. You have discrepencies with total developed 15 acreage. 16 MR.BAGG: Road on site, twenty-five acres. 17 The new road construction, this is basically pavement 18 only, the actual roadway only. To accommodate 19 approximately seventeen acres, that is basically taking 20 the roadway length square footage, converting it into 21 acres. 22 The developed acreage at the completion of the 23 project, thirty-eight, incorporates the new road 24 construction, plus any trees we may plant or any slopes

1 we touch and place grass or sidewalk, et cetera. 2 MS. RUSSO: I'm just concerned that the total 3 contiquous area is thirty-two. Acres to be acquired is 4 six, so you have a total of thirty-eight. That is why 5 I'm wondering when you add K and L you get thirty-two. 6 MR. BAZATA: Because the roads on site now is what is existing within our limits. The square footage 8 of roadways within our limits. I took developed acreage 9 at the completion of the project to be the road construction, plus those other areas. 10 I will note 11 that. 12 MS. RUSSO: It doesn't add up. Also on Page 13 4, under waste and pollutants generated during 14 construction, after clearing demolition debris under 15 components you have concrete, shrubs, dirt, asphalt 16 going to a C & D Landfill. I don't know how much 17 shrubs, dirt and trees, but can't that be skipped over 18 to a bulldozer and sent to a compost facility instead of 19 sent to a C and D landfill? 20 MR. BAZATA: Certainly that we are in the 21 study phase now. That is something that can be done, 22 yeah. 23 I think Page 5 indicates sources MS. RUSSO: 24 of utility, telephone and fiber optic, AT&T. Should not

1	that be Verizon?
2	MR. BAZATA: It's interesting that you
3	mentioned that. We have received plans from the utility
4	companies, they're still listed on there as AT&T as
5	well. I can investigate that and confirm.
6	MS. RUSSO: Page 8, Item 14. Historic
7	significance. You sent a letter out August 28th and
8	response is pending. Have you received a response?
9	MR. BAZATA: No, we have not.
10	MS. RUSSO: I think I'm drilling you now.
11	MR. BAZATA: That's okay.
12	MS. SQUIRES: I have a question on Page 9,
13	Number 4, vegetation, yes. Landscape plants will be
14	developed. Should not there be at least a preliminary
15	landscape plan included in this? And I would like to
16	recommend that you use native vegetation in whatever
17	landscape plan you use.
18	MR. MACKEY: Yes, we usually do use native
19	vegetation. Usually a landscape plan is done towards
20	the end of the project. Some things may change as far
21	as where locations are, and site distances change. We
22	don't want to sit there and come up and give you a plan
23	when there might be minor alterations and it's not
24	exactly what we gave to you.

1	MS. SQUIRES: Will we see that landscape
2	plan?
3	MR. BAZATA: What we will do when we provide
4	the study, which with what we're into now, provide the
5	study report, we incorporate within the study report,
6	that we will provide natural vegetation. When we go to
7	preliminary design and final design, we will provide
8	plans outlining those areas where we anticipate to
9	remove vegetation and place back vegetation.
10	At that point, we will send them to the county
11	and the county can then address it from there to provide
12	to you, if necessary.
13	MR. MACHTAY: Am I to understand what what
14	you just said, and what you said from your opening
15	remarks that nothing is carved in stone?
16	MD MD GIVEN
	MR. MACKEY: Yes, we're still analyzing it
17	and still coming up with a report. The report is coming
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18 19 20 21	and still coming up with a report. The report is coming yes. This is the design that we will be going for, this is a federal project, so the report is going to the feds in order to get money to finish. MR. MACHTAY: The design has been completed?

1	MR. MACKEY: The final design has not been
2	performed yet.
3	MR. MACHTAY: Will we see it? Forty-two
4	acres, thirty-eight acres, God knows what it's going to
5	be when it's a final design.
6	MR. MACKEY: If you would like a copy of the
7	final plans when we go to final design, we would be more
8	than happy.
9	MR. MACHTAY: It may be very different or it
10	may not be.
11	MR. MACKEY: It will be η ninor issues, nothing
12	major will be changed. This is the concept that we are
13	going to be going with.
14	MR. MACHTAY: Jim, what does SEQRA say about
15	adding new traveling lanes, for the record?
16	MR. BAGG: Basically, it cannot be considered
17	a Type 2 action. Type 2 action is repaving only
18	additional of new traveling lanes puts it into a Type 2
19	action.
20	Referring to what Joy Squires said, you can
21	tell the Council that natural and native species will be
22	used in your landscaping up front. We don't necessarily
23	need the plan, but technically a list of the species
24	that you will use that are considered native can be

1	given to the council.
2	MR. MACKEY: No problem, that will be done.
3	MR. KAUFMAN: Page 2 has the status of the
4	proposed studies preliminary et cetera so you have a
5	time line in here. We are getting this relatively
6	early. That is the first thing.
7	MS. RUSSO: You should have a list at DPW of
8	the approved native species that list was established
9	fifteen years ago.
10	MR. MACHTAY: Yes, our landscape architect
11	has that.
12	MR. KAUFMAN: That brings me to what Joy was
13	talking about. I looked at the numbers. I'm somewhat
14	familiar with the area. I work in Huntington
15	occasionally. It's worrying me in this respect. It
16	looks like there is a progressive deforestation going on
17	with these projects. I know the county has, in the
18	past, replanted where possible and where necessary.
19	In my opinion, it's always been, to put it
20	bluntly not enough. I'm looking at the aerials. You're
21	ripping out some wooded areas, especially the northern
22	project. I don't know where you can do some heavy
23	replanting, we're looking the. That worries me on the
24	West End we're more heavily built up than on the East

1 End and every acre is precious, if you will.

When I see an application like this coming in,

3 I'm looking at it as progressive deforestation. Two

4 acres is being taken out and I don't know how much is

5 being put back in. A tenth of an acre or some screens,

6 it simply is not enough. Maybe some care should be

7 taken to avoid ripping out woods. The southern

8 intersection doesn't have that problem. The northern

9 intersection is more subject to these concerns.

10 I'm looking at these road designs. I

understand the safety aspect and I understand why you're

+alking about what your talking about again there are

consequences to it. In this particular project, if it's

14 possible to, what if you were to put a tree back in

there. I'm not trying to be a tree hugger or anything

16 like that. I'm looking at overall ecology of the West

17 End.

MR. MACKEY: We try to put as many trees back

19 as possible. We don't want to take down trees. We want

to put back as much as we can. What we try doing that

21 is putting it in through landscape plans. I understand

your concept with how everything is getting built out.

That is why in areas we're not touching, we're leaving

it as much as natural state as possible.

1	MS. GROWNEY: I really feel compelled to
2	asked were there other plans studied that you pursued?
3	MR. MACKEY: There were other concept
	- -
4	studies, and a combination of safety factors and costs
5	made this one the most viable.
6	MS. GROWNEY: If you don't have a full plan
7	yet, then I don't know how the costs can be analyzed.
8	MR. MACKEY: We do estimates with the various
9	alternatives. We come up with a concept plan and from
10	that we are able to take and get preliminary estimate as
11	far, as to how each alternative will cost. We do that
12	with all our projects.
13	MS. GROWNEY: The cost of doing something
14	less aggressive than this may be six of one half a dozen
15	of the other. If it's more turning lanes where it
16	doesn't take up so much area, it seems to me the cost
17	would be much less.
18	MR. BAZATA: We develop numerous alternatives
19	in the study phase. We look at both the benefits and
20	costs of each one of these alternatives. We do a
21	thorough examination of both, and we come up with the
22	construction cost estimate and we compare them to the
23	benefit and do this analysis and come up with a ratio to
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1 alternative, which one of the alternatives does address 2 the needs for the best cost. And safety, of course, 3 being the major issue as well. 4 MS. GROWNEY: What is the criteria for the benefits? 5 6 MR. MACKEY: If I may add some of the other 7 alternatives were more harmful environmentally than this 8 one. 9 MS. GROWNEY: In what respect? 10 MR. MACKEY: With regard to differences in 11 noise pollution and differences to the amount of other 12 wood lands that we would be taking and acreage. 13 the plan that basically gives us the most safety with 14 the least amount of environmental impact. That is one 15 of the things we looked for. 16 On Page 9 and 10 of the Edf, MR. KAUFMAN: 17 alternatives are usually set out. It covers what he was 18 talking about. 19 What designs have you seen THE CHAIRMAN: 20 for pedestrian and bicycle traffic? 21 MR. MACKEY: There are no pedestrians that use that area. 22

As you look in the aerial one, which is the

MR. BAZATA:

That would be the southern

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area.

1	furthest to the right there by Ruland and Colonial
2	Springs Road, there is some light industry up there.
3	The existing sidewalks will be maintained, any areas
4	that we touch that now have sidewalks we will replace.
5	THE CHAIRMAN: No crosswalks?
6	MR. BAZATA: That's correct, and handicapped
7	ramps, yes.
8	MS. SQUIRES: Although there might not be
9	significant walking traffic and bike traffic, there is
10	also the possibility for bike traffic, as more and more
11	people, we hope, ride bicycles to work instead of cars.
12	Therefore, having different requirements I hope there
13	are going to be bike lanes.
14	MR. MACKEY: There is no bike lanes planned
15	for this traffic.
16	MS. SQUIRES: Isn't that not in keeping with
17	what is happening today? I'm sorry, I do know people
18	who ride their bikes to work long distances.
19	MR. MACHTAK: There are sidewalks they can
20	use as part of the project. We will be putting in the
21	crosswalk and striping for them to cross the
22	intersection safely. They can use the existing
23	facilities present at the location.
24	MS. SQUIRES: Am I missing something? Should

If not

1	not there be bikes?
2	MS. RUSSO: No, you're not. I'm familiar
3	with the area, especially Wellwood and Conklin Street,
4	area having grown up there. I was just through this
5	Sunday. Wellwood Avenue was widened twenty to
6	twenty-five years ago to four lanes. There is no
7	shoulder whatsoever. You can't possibly ride a bike
8	there without being killed within thirty seconds of
9	being on the road.
10	There is the big Estee Lauder plant there and
11	Newsday. I'm sure there are employees that would ride a
12	bike there if they could feel safe. There is a
13	wonderful north-south conduit there.
14	MS. SQUIRES: Where you go from one
15	intersection instead of two, I know people who work in
16	these areas in Huntington, could conceivably use this as
17	alternate transportation.
18	THE CHAIRMAN: Just a matter of speaking,
19	probably in the mid-nineties the Highway Department,
20	almost without exception, it seems to me, same in here,
21	with plans that did include bicycle traffic more and
22	more. I think we have drifted away from it. Maybe it
23	requires us to go back and consider it seriously again

with the price of gasoline. Any other comments?

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1	do we have a motion?
2	MR. KAUFMAN: I think we need to table it.
3	The EAF needs correction. We have accepted minor
4	corrections in the past and approved things. There are
5	a huge number of discrepancies in here. I say also my
6	opinion that there may be some redesign going on that
7	may be needed, both in terms of the bike lane, et
8	cetera.
9	MS. RUSSO: Would it hurt your time lines in
10	any way, shape or form, given the fact that we're
11	talking about a 2014 completion date, would it hurt you
12	in any way if we tabled it for a month or so?
13	MR. MACKEY: Possibly could because we're on
14	a federal time line for funding. It depends on when the
15	fund were allocated. I ask that you vote on it, pending
16	the guidlines you have given us.
17	MR. KAUFMAN: I didn't make a motion, I
18	suggested tabling it. I'm not sure I'm comfortable with
19	the procedure. I'm not saying you're trying to bulldoze
20	us. You have a good track record with us. I would like
21	to hold it for a month. I would like to see if we do
22	hold for a month, I would like to see the form
23	corrected.
24	Since we're in a preliminary planning stage

- the possibility of a bike lane, we might be looking at.
- 2 Preliminary is good for getting a feel for the plan.
- 3 And also replantings, giving us a little more of a
- 4 comfort level. That is where I think it should be
- 5 going. Personally I'm willing to risk the feds not
- 6 coming through.
- 7 MR. GULBRANSEN: Do we know that the month is
- 8 sufficient time to for them to address whether bicycle
- 9 path is sufficient. Is there an overpass; it might not
- 10 be. Is a month enough time to answer the question
- 11 specifically enough?
- MR. KAUFMAN: We can go month by month, if we
- need to. I'm trying to accommodate them and also our
- 14 concerns.
- MR. MACKEY: We're very limited in what we
- 16 can do. On the north side, a new wall has been built on
- private property by the property owner, which it's not
- even close to being cost effective to even encroach to
- 19 that wall. Also we have, I don't know where the bike
- lane is going to go, on the south of Wellwood we have
- 21 the cemetery property. We are kind of limited. We have
- 22 a pipe a easement as well. We're very limited as far as
- areas where it would even be possible.
- 24 MR. GULBRANSEN: Can you answer the question

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1	about bike accommodation in a month's time or are we
2	asking a question that might take three months to
3	answer?
4	MR. MACKEY: It would probably take less than
5	a month.
6	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: You're concerned about the
7	timing because of the federal funding. I think the bike
8	lane is a great idea. It's a policy idea, not an
9	environmental question. I don't think this body ought
10	to be holding up for that. That is something that the
11	planners, legislature should be looking at this issue.
12	THE CHAIRMAN: To me it's a very important
13	environmental issue, because of the natural resources.
14	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Not necessarily in terms
15	of assessing the impact of a project. I'm not saying
16	biking isn't great for the environment. I bike, I love
17	to bike. We need to do a far better job in terms of
18	creating an infrastructure for biking, but do we want to
19	hold up this project?
20	THE CHAIRMAN: I don't want to hold anybody
21	up, but on the other hand, the EAF is sort of sloppily
22	done. It needs tweaking.
23	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I think if you're going to
24	make a motion to table, we need to articulate precisely

why we're doing that. What areas of the EAF do you 1 2 think they need to clean up. If I'm not inclined to 3 table it. 4 Jay, this is not a policy MR. KAUFMAN: question in my mind. It had EAF does not conform with 5 6 the standard EFA's that we require. When the numbers, 7 contiguous areas, acrage to be required don't seem to match up and they're given an interpretation by the 8 9 consultant that I find a little hard to follow and he's 10 right here and I'm not fully understanding. 11 When the EAF says "meadow," is it treed or not 12 I don't know what is being knocked out at this 13 point in time and I know the area. I don't know what is 14 being taken out. In terms, when the traditionally when 15 the EAF has this many problems, we have tabled it, when possible, to have the corrections made because this is a 16 17 legally binding document. 18 Second off, we did talk a couple of minutes 19 ago about some of the replanting issues in the area. $\underline{\mathbf{Said}}.\mathbf{T}$ n terms of how the planting 20 MS. RUSSO: 21 plans tie into all this, but this is concerning me 22 enough that I would like to see something, at least 23 preliminary, maybe a sketch map of something like that. 24 Plus, flush out the details is what I'm talking about.

1	Yes 📂 if a bike lane can go in there. That is
2	something we asked DPW to do a few years ago and they
3	are doing it. Not a policy question, but as a reduction
4	of energy and that kind of thing.
5	MS. SQUIRES: I wasn't talking about a bike
6	lane for recreational purposes, I'm talking about a bike
7	lane as an alternative transportation to using your
8	car. In addition, when you were talking about the fence
9	that you were talking about, I think everyone needs to
10	know in that location the Litwin property is more than
11	just an ordinary fence, it's a stone wall with a fence
12	on top. That is a wrought iron fence, that is going to
13	be a very large arboretum area. It's going to be a huge
14	infusion of money. It's a botanical area.
15	Mr. Litwin has the resources to do something
16	extraordinary there and in fact may be a destination
17	place for people to ride a bike to. I don't mean to
18	over do the bike issue, but I think in this day and time
19	we cannot ignore it.
20	MS. GROWNEY: Is it possible to do a
21	conditional?
22	THE CHAIRMAN: CND?
23	MS. RUSSO: I would like to make a motion
24	that we table it for just one month and come back with a

1 fully refind EAF with all of our questions as far as acreage and numbers, list native species that you would 2 plant, especially for the two acres of woods that will 3 be cut down, and come back with some good hard data and 4 5 to why or why not you could put in a bike lane. 6 MR. MACHTAY: I have a question. 7 archeological resources, did you do any studies in this northern area where you're planning to do some widening? 8 9 And changes. 10 MR. BAZATA: We do presently have a letter out to the Office of Parks and Recreation and DEC to 11 12 notify us of any historical buildings, archeological 13 findings in the area. We have the means to hire an 14 archeologist, if need be, to determine. 15 MR. MACHTAY: On the northeast side, where 16 that fence is being built, that wall and fence, right at 17 the corner of Colonial Springs and Pinelawn Road, that 18 was a Town of Huntington piece of property. designated for many years on the town parks map. 19 20 case decided that it was not a park, and Mr. Litwin was 21 able to buy it from the town. 22 But it was our understanding from somebody 2.3 that used to be with the town, two people that used to be with the town, that that particular location was the 24

- 1 site of an ancient copper mine, in which case, it would
- 2 indicate habitation in the area of natives at the time.
- 3 So, I think maybe should look into that. See if you're
- 4 destroying any archeological artifacts.
- 5 MS. SQUIRES: Just one last question, who are
- 6 you talking to in the Town of Huntington?
- 7 MR. BAZATA: I can give you the name I have.
- 8 Craig Turner.
- 9 MS. SQUIRES: Have you a response from
- 10 Craig?
- MR. BAZATA: Yes, we do. I have a letter,
- 12 right here. If you would like me to read it to you or
- 13 provide it for you.
- MS. SQUIRES: Does it raise these issues?
- MR. BAZATA: No, he has not. We just
- mentioned the project to him. We asked if there were
- any objections and if there was any development we
- needed to know about in the area as well.
- 19 MS. SQUIRES: You were asking about specific
- development issues rather than an evaluation of the
- 21 EAF. Did it go to Engineering, this project? Did it go
- to the Department of Engineering? It it go to Pat Del
- 23 Col?
- MR. BAZATA: I have to ask Craig if he passed

1	the information along to them. We just received the
2	response myself.
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Did Craig get it with as
4	short a review time as we did? I just got mine on
5	Friday. Did Craig Turner, by chance, get it with that
6	little time to evaluate?
7	MR. BAZATA: No, he did not.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion. Do we have
9	a second?
10	MS. SQUIRES: To table?
11	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, for one month.
12	MS. SQUIRES: Second.
13	THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and seconded
14	by Joy Squires. Any further discussion?
15	MR. GULBRANSEN: Did the motion include any
16	questions that they have to follow up on with regard to
17	it jug handle, or are we done with that?
18	THE CHAIRMAN: It didn't include that. They
19	answered my question satisfactorily.
20	MR. BAGG: If I might ask one thing more, EAF
21	has a section on public input, Number 20. If you have
22	letters from municipalities, I suggest you include them
23	in the EAF.
24	THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? All

Opposed?

2 Abstentions? 3 MR. KAUFMAN: Abstain. 4 MS. SPENCER: So do I. 5 MR. KAUFMAN: I vote to table. 6 THE CHAIRMAN: You decided to vote to table. 7 Okay, thank you. Just one comment. I know the last 8 couple of times the Highway Department has been here, I 9 feel like maybe they have been beat around the head and 10 shoulders a little bit. We certainly don't mean to do 11 But it is our job to make sure that not only are 12 the important questions answered, but that the paperwork 13 in fact is properly filled out and consistent, and if somebody in the Highway or Engineering department could 14 15 make sure in proofreading this that these guestions are 16 answered, it would speed the process.

in favor of the motion. (Show of hands)

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MR. MACHTAY Just clarification of some of the interpretations. As far as what acreage is, this needs a little clarification on some issues, as far as how much area. He's showing some of the areas that you had in question are incorporated in other areas, so that is why it doesn't look like it to you. It adds up, but in actuality it does -- we'll, clarify it. Even if we have to put a little note on the form, we will do that.

1	THE CHAIRMAN: Understand this is a public
2	document and if CEQ who Seats these kind of forms every
3	month, can't interpret it. Then the general public
4	can't. Eventually, they may raise Cain with what the
5	county is trying to do.
6	THE CHAIRMAN: I think we have another one,
7	CR-58, early implementation project.
8	MR. MACKEY: To present this project is
9	Steve Normandin, President of RBA Group.
10	MR. NORMANDIN: Good morning, I'm Steve
11	Normandin, acting as consulting engineers for the
12	Suffolk County DPW. Reconstruction of County Road 58 in
13	Riverhead. To give you a brief history, the Suffolk
14	County DPW conducted a highway corridor study, federally
15	funded project from the limit of County Road 58 from the
16	Long Island Expressway on the western end to Route 25
17	where it ends.
18	Out of that study there were concerns
19	identified, ones that would be expedited under this
20	project called the early implementation project, which
21	the county is embarking with their own funds. The
22	project area itself, to give you a description, from the
23	Expressway, come off at the Tanger Outlets. It's five
24	lanes. The westbound lanes continue two lanes out to

1 infamous traffic circle.

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2. In the eastbound direction, the lanes vary 3 from single lane to two lanes, starts out around Tanger, 4 two lanes, narrows down to one lane and comes back to 5 two lanes for a short segment in front of one of the 6 larger shopping sections and just west to Osbourne Avenue, just east of the traffic circle. What the 8 county is willing to do is taking the success of County 9 Road 38 project out in Southampton, convert the four 10 lanes into a complete five lane section and reduce the 11 significant bottleneck, which has been documented, and the town has been griping about. 12 They are in full 13 support of the project. I have a letter from the 14 supervisor. They are looking to get this project done 15 as soon as possible so it Steve Levy. Project itself, 16 his actually done with in the existing sixty six foot 17 right of way no right of way. 18 The section itself, what it is right now is 19 four lane and a sidewalk area. We are going to take a 20

The section itself, what it is right now is four lane and a sidewalk area. We are going to take a little bit out of the sidewalk area, approximately four feet on either side, to widen for the eastbound through lane, exit from a center lane, eleven foot lane and have through lanes, an twelve foot outside lane and narrower five foot six sidewauk area which is still ADA

1 compliant.

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One of the key components to the project is converting the traffic circle into a two lane modern roundabout, would be the first on Long Island. There is an existing circle there now. What this project does is make the single lane into two lanes and incorporate more of the modern roundabout features as opposed to the antiquated traffic circle that is there now. It will significantly improve traffic capacity analysis done by the county consultant, even sent up to Albany New York State DOT roundabout design group for their review and they approved the design and believe that it will will work significantly better.

THE CHAIRMAN: What as the difference between the modern roundabout and traditional traffic circle?

MR. NORMANDIN: If you notice the circle that is out there now, it's very wide. You come in more of perpendicular angle. The modern roundabout uses a spliter. Everyone who enters the circle itself will yield to the circulation inside the circle. We will narrow the lane widths to a more comfortable lane width, as per standards. We will incorporate a truck apron so trucks who traverse the now two lane round about, it's designed they can, if need be, cut across the apron

1	which is in red in the center.
2	MR. MACKEY: As you enter into the roundabout
3	as a circle, you enter perpendicular as a roundabout you
4	enter tangentially.
5	MR; KAUFMAN; you're already funneling it to
6	enter it circle. The added safety feature is the fact
7	there is a hospital right there. The second thing is
8	speaking of the hospital are there entrance or exit
9	lanes leading to the hospital that are maybe too close
10	to the round about?
11	MR. NORMANDIN: There is an existing driveway
12	right here now, which, will be maintained as they
13	reconstruct further.
14	MR. KAUFMAN: You don't think that will have
15	an impact on the roundabout?
16	MR. NORMANDIN: Actually, the queue from the
17	traffic circle now goes right by it, blocking the box,
18	so to speak. The efficiency of the roundabout itself
19	will alleviate that condition.
20	MS. GROWNEY: So I can understand, you're
21	saying when you get into the circle, there is already
22	cars going around that are closer to the inner circle
23	then you're merging into that circle.
24	MR. NORMANDIN: There are a lot of misnomers

- about round abouts, especially a two lane roundabout.
- 2 MR. MACKEY: The state has many materials
- 3 they provide when you install a roundabout. But the
- 4 misnomer, I can't see it from here, but if memory serves
- 5 me correctly, if you're going straight through you don't
- 6 have to merge any lanes.
- MS. GROWNEY: It's two lanes of cars that are
- 8 going around a hub essentially.
- 9 MR. MACKEY: Essentially.
- MR. NORMANDIN: Obviously, the east-west
- movement as the heaviest add has two through lanes,
- 12 those lanes in clear signage and striping will be in
- their correct lane assignment prior to getting into the
- 14 circle. It will be marked for throughs and if you want
- 15 to go to it right and left. There will be absolutely no
- 16 changes of lane in the circle, hence the confusion and
- 17 your issue, I can't get out. That wouldn't happen
- 18 because it physically can't.
- MR. MACKEY! It will be as a sign before approaching the
- 20 roundabout so people will know that it's coming in,
- 21 which exact lanes and directions go where.
- MS. GROWNEY: When you approach it, you can
- go to the right if you're going to be naking the next
- 24 right or you stay --

1	MR. MACHTAY: (Interposing) Which way are
2	you approaching from.
3	MS. GROWNEY: I'm heading east.
4	MR. MACHTAY: If you want to continue heading
5	east you can stay in your lane, go around and go
6	through. If you're in the outer lane, you can go around
7	and go to your right.
8	MR. NORMANDIN: There will be over late lane
9	assignment signs. You will see you can go through in
10	this right lane or make the quick right itself.
11	MS. GROWNEY: Overhead signage sounds like a
12	good idea rather than signage on the side of the road.
13	MS. SQUIRES: There are two round abouts that
14	are small that I think work beautifully. One is on
15	Gerard Street in the Town of Huntington and the other
16	one his in north haven and they it seems to me both of
17	them work absolutely beautifully. We in Huntington had
18	to do a lot of education to the point that the
19	supervisor got on a fire engine to show how on the
20	cement.
21	MR. MACHTAY: There is also one in Great Neck
22	and I believe they just built in Southampton. The DOT
23	Website even has a tractor trailer pulling a modular
24	home that his able to navigate these. I think also one

1 in Scuttle Hole and something else. 2 MS. GROWNEY: Yes. 3 MR. BAGG: What is the level of service of 4 the existing traffic circle and the concentrate and 5 what as the prone ed level of service with the proposed 6 traffic circle and safety. 7 MR. NORMANDIN: Accident data I don't have offhand. 8 I can get that. I have a document that is two 9 inches thick that you can cull from. Levels of service, 10 as you know, you only have to know A through F. 11 bottleneck extends almost to the raceway and express. 12 That is going to been E or F on a given Saturday 13 or p.m. condition. This is B or C condition. 14 MR. BAGG: You're assuming that it will also 15 improve traffic safety as well. 16 MR. MACHTAY: Yes, safety from a traffic 17 circle as compared to a round about is improved. 18 MR. NORMANDIN: There is no way to cross the 19 intersection, there is no crosswalk. There is a 20 crosswalks on each approach with a refuge island in 21 between. 22 MR. KAUFMAN: R-30 wetland, getting away from 23 the traffic circles, which is right adjacent to the 24 road, how is that being protected? I think probably the

fact that you're staying within the right of way that 1 2 exists right now, I didn't see positive drainage on 3 But I think that is probably the way you're 4 going. 5 MR. MACKAY: One is standard DEC policies and 6 Suffolk County DPW policy will pertain to protecting the 7 As far as drainage, a separate drainage project was given a neg dec by the county and that 8 9 project was CP-5543. These were supposed to be separate 10 projects and they are, but that was supposed to go 11 first. With the county exec wanting to push this up, we 12 will try to keep in mind, have them work together but 13 not together. 14 MR. KAUFMAN: Would that have been about six 15 months ago? 16 MR. MACKEY: I do not recall, I apologize. 17 MR. NORMANDIN: As suggested in this report 18 and with regard to R-30, currently the drainage flows 19 directly into that wetland. This project will, as a 20 minimum, collect it in three or four separate leaching 21 basins with an overflow through a stormwater treatment 22 system into the wetland itself, so it will further 23 improve the existing condition by far. 24 MS. RUSSO: Page 8 we talk about under New

- 1 York State DEC you have freshwater wetland should not.
- 2 You also have a stormwater permit.
- MR. NORMANDIN: As far as greater than the
- 4 acreage disturbed?
- 5 MS. RUSSO: You're disturbing one point
- 6 seven.
- 7 MR. KAUFMAN: You would make an affirmative
- 8 finding that you would meet the SPEDES and swamp
- 9 requirements of DEC?
- MR. NORMANDIN: Yes.
- 11 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Can I ask a question? Is
- there a way for people riding bikes to get to this?
- MR. NORMANDIN: My firm is a big proponent
- 14 for bike lanes. We have identified over a hundred
- 15 corridors throughout Long Island. I believe that is not
- one of them. Like I initially said, it's a federal
- 17 project which is actually widenings and takings to make
- wider sidewalks and expand with shoulders. This project
- is a quick fix which will significantly fix things. We
- 20 are maxing out the right of way as much as we can. Curb
- 21 side lane is not even. When we barely have a sidewalk.
- 22 If we could, I would.
- It I think that is it. The point of the
- 24 project is we're going to also redo the intrastructure,

- milling, all new crosswalks and striping, pedestrian
 signals.
- MR. KAUFMAN: Motion as unlisted negative declaration.
- 5 MS. RUSSO: Second.
- 6 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? All
- 7 in favor? (Show of hands) Opposed. Abstentions.
- 8 Motion carries.

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- 10 THE CHAIRMAN: We postponed the Gabreski
- 11 Airport. Now we're on Suffolk County Brownfield EAF.
- MR. MEYERS: James Meyers with Suffolk **C**ounty
- 13 Health, Engineer.
- MR. SEYFARTH: Rob Seyfarth, Suffolk County
- 15 Health.
- 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Welcome, gentlemen.
- MR. MEYERS: All the sites are Suffolk owned
- 18 properties. There all in one of the various DEC
- 19 Brownfield programs. All the project are environment
- 20 remediations which, by their very nature, entails
- 21 significant benefit always as opposed to adverse
- impacts. It is an unlisted action. There is no future
- plans. If there is a future plan, this will be part of
- the project with its own SEQRA project.

1 Not all the projects have final remediation 2 plans at this point. We have some money that we need to 3 appropriate so we need a SEQRA determinations in order 4 to do that, and that is why we're here at this point in 5 time. 6 You should have five packets, one for each 7 site. Bellport gas station site was taken by Suffolk County 1999 for failure to pay taxes. 8 Based on the 9 site's history, the county applied for and received a 10 grant to have the CVDDE targeted site assessment is a 11 free investigation to determine what type of problems is 12 at the site and needs to be done. That was done. Unfortunately, they missed some critical items. 1.3 14 applied to the DEC to have a new study done under the 15 environmental restoration program, and the ERP program, 16 ninety percent of all work done on site and a hundred 17 percent of work done off site is a hundred percent 18 reimbursible. 19 We are not exactly sure what is going to 2.0 happen as far as remediation, but will include 21 remediation of sanitary service, costing about a hundred 22 thirty-five thousand dollars just to remediate the 23 site. 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions on the site?

1	MR. MACHTAY: Are you looking for one SEQRA
2	determination on all the sites together or individually
3	SEQRA determination?
4	MR. MEYERS: However the council wants to
5	that.
6	THE CHAIRMAN: We will do that indiviually.
7	MR. BAGG: These are separate capital project
8	programs?
9	MR. MEYERS: One.
10	MR. BAGG: One neg dec for all the sites.
11	THE CHAIRMAN: They not separate capital
12	programs; that is fine. Go ahead.
13	MR. MEYERS: Any of questions on this site?
14	MR. GULBRANSEN: I have one question. Does
15	the intended use in the long-term affect; the
16	remediation cost estimate?
17	MR. MEYERS: Yes, it will. If it's
18	residential as opposed to industrial-commercial, that
19	can impact the type of remediation that is.
20	MR. GULBRANSEN: Which type did you use?
21	MR. MEYERS: At this point we are assuming
22	that it will continue to be a commercial use. Next
23	site, Ronkonkoma Wallpaper. This site was also taken
24	for failure to pay taxes by the county in 2001. County

resolution 1127- 2003, requiring the county to remediate 1 2 the site at that time. 3 The DEC Brownfield program was reorganizing, 4 so there was no program to enter. That was done at the county's expense. It's about a hundred eighty thousand 5 6 dollars the county spent to remediate some lead 7 contamination. 8 We plan to do another investigation to better delineate the contaminants at the site and further clean 9 We estimate at this time it may cost about a 10 11 hundred thousand dollars to clean up the site. will entail probably excavation of contaminated soil. 12 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Where do you bring the 14 contaminated soil? 15 MR. MEYERS: In an approved facility, 16 usually out of state. There is no approved places on 17 Long Island. Page 4, your solid waste, your 18 MS. RUSSO: 19 components, a hundred eighty tons. You made note it's 20 non-hazardous. I'm assuming quite a bit of solid waste 21 will be hazardous. 22 MR. MEYERS: There could be quite a bit of hazardous waste at the site; that's correct. That would 23 24 be a mistake. Any other questions on the site? Next,

1	Blue Point Laundry. This again was a site taken for
2	failure to pay taxes in 1998. DEC performed an
3	assessment at the site. VOC's semi-volitiles and metals
4	we applied for a grant for the DEC and unfortunately,
5	the program ran out of money.
6	Again, it will consist mainly of excavation of
7	contaminated soil.
8	MR. BAGG: Although these are one capital
9	program items, you have to apply separately to DEC.
10	MR. MEYERS: Yes.
11	MR. BAGG: DEC plans a neg declaration for
12	each project.
13	MR. MEYERS: Correct.
14	MR. BAGG: You should have a separate neg
15	declaration for project for submittal to the DEC.
16	MR. KAUFMAN: We can probably do this at the
17	end. There is a stream that runs underneath the
18	property from Purgatory Creek on down. Given the fact
19	that there have been some problems with piping in the
20	county, anyone looked at the pipe, is it rusted out, is
21	it leaching?
22	MR. SEYFARTH: The pipe is under grade. We
23	have not look at it at all.
24	MR. KAUFMAN: You may need to look at the

1	pipe itself. If the pipe is wholly contained and there
2	is no leachate coming off the property, that is one
3	thing you need to look at. Otherwise, it's going into
4	wetlands, because it's a creek it's probably a wetland
5	itself right now. You probably need to look at it to
6	see if there is contamination. You probably want to do
7	a water analysis at the outlet.
8	MR. MEYERS: We applied to the DEC to do some
9	more analysis at the site and it was turned down. They
10	said if you want to apply for remediation, we did. We
11	intend to do some further monitoring at the state as
12	part of the remediation plan.
13	THE CHAIRMAN: Has it been checked for
14	groundwater plumes?
15	MR. SEYFARTH: With several groundwater
16	samples collected during early monitoring. As Jim was
17	saying, we thought that it was inadequate to fully
18	define what was there. The DEC turned down our proposal
19	to do any additional work and they told us to come up
20	with a work plan. That is where we are now.
21	We will do additional sampling to better
22	define the areas of contamination, and doing that
23	investigation will increase our knowledge of what can be
24	going off towards Purgatory Creek and so forth.

1	MR. KAUFMAN: Larry's question is well taken
2	in that the depth of groundwater ranges from three feet
3	below ground surface to approximately twenty feet
4	elsewhere. You most likely do have contamination in the
5	three foot area. You most likely have a plume there.
6	Say there were contaminants found in the ground. And
7	the plume that we assessed. We asked to do an
8	additional investigation. They felt we had gone back to
9	them on several of these and said we don't think the
10	targeted site was adequate. We were turned down.
11	The way we planned on addressing that was do
12	the full range of contaminants to be be able to better
13	define how much was there, and based on those numbers,
14	we can expand any kind of remediation that was
15	required.
16	THE CHAIRMAN: The community, is the
17	community on public water?
18	MR. SEYFARTH: Yes.
19	MR. GULBRANSEN: You're talking about
20	clean-up, switching from soil to surface water to
21	groundwater. Is your clean-up starting to talk about
22	recovery wells and so forth. Say say we need to do a
23	full investigation. Right now the levels in the
24	groundwater that we know are there probably aren't worth

1 going after. It's probably less than than what is in 2 the runoff in the streets. One of the problems with 3 going forward at this level, with a lot of these remediations, we don't know the full extent because part 5 of what we're doing is completing the investigation 6 portion. From that there will be a whole set of 7 remedial alternatives to be developed. 8 We will look at them and say what is the 9 benefit for the money you are putting into it. 10 the groundwater issues are so insignificant that it's not worth going after. It may be just monitored that 11 12 once you remove the source, the groundwater is cleaning 13 up itself, as expected. Others may need further 14 remediation. Without doing further analysis it's hard to determine which method DEC will chose. 15 16 MR. GULBRANSEN: The motion is to empower 17 them to continue this plan when we don't know how it's 18 going to come out. 19 MR. KAUFMAN: To put it bluntly, they're 20 alluding to problems with DEC. This approach cuts the 21 Gordion knot, if you will. It avoids them having to go 22 back and forth. 23 MR. BAGG: I think what the situation is we 24 want to remediate these sites pursuant to federal and

1 state standards. Whatever is required, whether it's soil removal or groundwater remediation, it has positive 2 3 environmental benefit and these sites have been 4 previously altered and disturbed so that no matter what 5 they have to do to meet the federal and state standards, it's a federal and environmental impact, and doesn't 6 warrant further review here. That is why they submitted 8 both, but they don't know at this time. 9 whatever they have it do to remediate. 10 MR. GULBRANSEN: With all due respect, taking action of three of these five is going to result in 11 12 expenditure of resources we don't have the resources to 13 It's conceivable that taking action on a laundry 14 facility issue could assume money that might be more 15 urgently needed for a program that is going to pop up in October. 16 17 I'm concerned about proceeding with these 18 As best you would without understanding, are 19 there more in the queue that might also want to be 20 attended to or, is this the queue for the immediate. 21 MR. MEYERS: These are the five that we 22 identified at this point. Because of the red tape 23 involved with Brownfield programs, it's well known about 24 that in the country. The pot of money and the type of

1	project. Is it in stone as far as this amount of money?
2	Isn't it stone. We can move around the amount of money
3	to other projects if we feel it's more important.
4	MR. GULBRANSEN: That is what I wanted to
5	know.
6	THE CHAIRMAN: Most hazardous waste things
7	the owner, chain of ownership is considered viable and
8	you have to pay to fill it up. If I want to avoid that
9	and save a lot of money, I just don't pay my taxes the
10	county takes it over and we're stuck with it.
11	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: In real estate we
12	typically before, we take property, we do an environment
13	assessment to determine if that would be a problem. I
14	don't know, I'm not a lawyer, to what degree the
15	polluter is still responsible even after the deed is
16	transferred. Maybe Mr. Isles can answer that. It's an
17	interesting question.
18	I know we are careful about taking these
19	properties. We typically don't hold them, we auction
20	them to someone else. Is the county liable?
21	MS. GROWNEY: Yes.
22	MR. KAUFMAN: Generally the former owners
23	would still be liable, if you can still find them. That
24	is the lesson with Hooker Chemical. There is a

situation under SEQRA when it comes to a municipality 1 2 that there can be a break in the chain. In other words, 3 the municipality can sell that land if there has been 4 clean ups done, et cetera, and it does provide for 5 immunization, if you will, of the municipality. 6 I think that is the procedure. I haven't done 7 SEORA in a while. Correct me if I'm wrong. MR. BAGG: 8 County in the past has acquired 9 some of these sites through tax default, or there have 10 been two of them on the airport were actually given to 11 the county with Gabreski Airport. They preexisted our 12 taking the property. But the county does have in place 13 now that before any properties would be taken for tax 14 default, they are reviewed for any kind of contamination 15 and the county will not take them for tax default if 16 they are contaminated; that is the policy in place now. 17 THE CHAIRMAN: To answer Tom's question, 18 there may be a lot in the chain. 19 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: To what degree should we 20 require the successful bidder to have to clean up that 21 site before they can resell it? We have had lengthy 22 debate with the legislature about this issue. 23 issue isn't entirely resolved yet, but it's an 24 interesting one.

Nor has the DEC come up with 1 MR. GULBRANSEN: 2 a policy. 3 MR. MEYERS: Any more on the laundry site? (No response) Canine kennel is about a one acre square 5 or oddly shaped parcel just south of a former abandoned It's not actually the kennel itself, 6 canine kennel. it's near the kennel. It was used in the past by the 8 air force for deposit of debris and the DEC got a 9 complaint in the early 1990's they they investigated and that is when the PCP contamination was discovered. 10 The last site was put on the Superfund list. 11 Later the county applied for inclusion in the Brownfield 12 13 Under that program, since it was a Superfund program. 14 site, there is no reimbursement but there is a program 15 for cleaning it up guicker. The county just did an extensive evaluation of the site to fully delineate the 16 extent of the contamination. 17 18 Right now we anticipate it may cost us as much as two million dollars. That will entail excavation of 19 soil, perhaps some capping of certain areas. 20 CEO reviewed the 1990 airport 21 MR. BAGG: 22 Master Plan. At that time, the Master Plan said that these sites would be cleaned up. We are now at that 23 point that we're hoping to have them remediated. 24

1	MR. GULBRANSEN: Same question was raised
2	earlier by Mike on the previous site. Adjoining creek,
3	is that part of what is being investigated.
4	MR. MEYERS: PCP's, they don't move. They
5	stay tightly bound up in the soil. There is no
6	groundwater impact at this point. They're bound up in
7	the soil and they haven't left the site.
8	Last site is the Gabreski Airport District. A
9	PDD is the existing commercial industrial area just on
10	County Road 31, north of the existing base there, the
11	national guard base. The main problem on that site is
12	an old jet fuel plume from previous air force use. It's
13	currently being cleaned up. Progress is being made,
14	so the county approved for the Brownfield program and it
15	was approved for that.
16	They performed an investigation and
17	preliminary work plan. In the investigation they found
18	a plume a hundred seventy feet long of jet fuel. The
19	existing sanitary and strom drain structures on site
20	have to be investigated and redone if needed.
21	THE CHAIRMAN: Since Jim has determined that
22	DEC has to get individual tests, we will go through
23	these one by one.
24	MS. RUSSO: I was concerned with the Type 2

1 description Number 18 for typing the action, information 2 collection including basic data collection and research 3 water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, 4 engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigation 5 and soil studies that don't undertake or improve any Type 1 or unlisted action. Right now you said there is 6 7 no future use for all of these. 8 MR. MEYERS: In the airport there is a future 9 use planned, but they have already done a SEQRA process 10 on that. 11 MR. BAGG: These are for studies. Thev're 12 going to do a remediation here. This is physical 13 alteration of the environment. 14 MS. RUSSO: The neg dec is for the study and 15 after the study they will do the remediation plan. 16 MR. KAUFMAN: Site will be remediated in 17 accordance with the neg dec# approved work plan. 18 two of them talk about studies. We may need to 19 differentiate that and look. For example, Ronkonkoma 20 Wallpaper facility, the site will be remediated. 21 may have a blend of Type 2's. 22 MR. GULBRANSEN: The extent of the study is 23 how clear or unclear the remedy is. They're all driving 24 toward the state of remedy. Say we were assuming there

1 is contamination of all the sites that would warrant remediation. Couple of sites like the canine kennel we 2 3 have to remediate. We are in the state program. 4 will come back to us. We are in a Superfund. Those are 5 to find out how much has to be remediated. 6 With Ronkonkoma Wallpaper we already have done 7 significant remediation there but there are some loose We are not looking for additional remediation. 8 9 What we're assuming is we're going to find some pockets that are still there, areas that we may not have cleaned 10 up completely when we we did it on our own, and go back 11 12 and clean up those areas. Same thing with the Bellport 13 We know we will have to go back, we have gas station. 1.4 to go back and resample the drains and determine what 15 The Ronkonkoma Wallpaper, it's needs to be done. possible we go back there and we don't find enough 16 17 remaining in the soil to do anything further. limited wells in there and the wells were clean. 18 19 We want to better define areas we know to be 20 contaminated and see if there are any groundwater 21 These are areas we know there is some 22 contamination but not certain if DEC is going to require 2.3 it. 24 MR. KAUFMAN: Motion for unlisted negative

1	declaration.
2	MS. GROWNEY: Second.
3	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor? Any further
4	discussion? Opposed, abstentions?
5	MR. KAUFMAN: Motion former Bellport gas
6	station unlisted negative declaration.
7	MS. RUSSO: Second.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: Discussion? All in favor?
9	Opposed. Abstentions? Motion carried. Gabreski APDD
10	site. Motion, unlisted negative declaration.
11	MS. RUSSO: Second.
12	THE CHAIRMAN: No discussion. All in favor?
13	Opposed? Motion carries.
14	MR. KAUFMAN: Motion, former Ronkonkoma
15	Wallpaper facility, unlisted negative declaration.
16	MS. GROWNEY: Second.
17	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor? Opposed?
18	Motion carries. Kennel.
19	MR. KAUFMAN: Your former home. Former
20	canine kennel site motion, unlisted negative
21	declaration.
22	MS. RUSSO: Second.
23	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor? Opposed?
24	Abstentions? Motion carries. Thank you. Good luck.

1	What we have all been waiting for, next topic,
2	Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the
3	Shelfish Aquaculture Program. Tom Isles from the
4	Suffolk County Planning Department joining me for the
5	presentation.
6	MR. DAVIES: DeWitt Davies, Environmental
7	Analyst with the County Planning Department.
8	MR. GREENE: Greg Greene with Cashin
9	Associates, consultant to the county, as well as Michael
10	Mule, assisting with the project overall, as well as
11	with the presentation.
12	Mr. Tsies: What I would like to do with our format, we
13	appreciate your time. We would like to give a brief
14	introduction to the project and turn to over to DeWitt
15	Davies to go through the Final Generic Environmental
16	Impact Statement as far as what steps were done, what
17	the process was and where we are with the project and
18	ask Greg to identify and address those issues that came
19	from CEQ during the scoping phase of project sometime
20	ago and we are certainly available to answer whatever
21	questions you have.
22	Suffolk County aquaculture lease program, it's
23	interesting from the standpoint of the historical, goes
24	back to 1984 when the legislature granted the authority

to lease underwater grant lands for the purpose of
shellfish cultivation that began the process with tens
of thousands of acres of underwater land to be
transferred to Suffolk County and then transferred to
private land owners for shellfish cultivation, oyster
cultivation purposes.

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More recently, there was an amendment to the law in 1989 that gave the county the ability to lease the lands. That went nowhere. That had complications and problems. For thirty years nothing happens. In 2004, the legislature passed a law that said Suffolk County can proceed with a lease program, subject to doing certain steps, and for the last past three years that is what we have been doing. The State of New York retains regulatory authority over the lands.

Where we are in the process right now is the county executive directed the department to prepare a program in April 2005. Aquaculture Land Program Advisory Committee was created at that time. That consisted of seventeen communities, baymen interest, academic interest, Jay Schneiderman as chairman of the program in the county legislature. That committee met seventeen times, at least two public hearings, extensive public outreach process, a public Website that we

maintained. Retained our consultant in terms of the legislature in terms of funding for the project. we have been asked to do is develop the program to bring back to the county executive and legislature to look at the program goals to sustain and maintain marine resources, provide underwater land access and provide authority for controlled predictible growth of shellfish farming.

We have ambiguity of how to achieve it in coordination, in compatibility with other interests in the bay, other interests such as environment, users, commercial fisherman, wild harvesters as well as recreational users and so forth. We have a number of outcomes that we're seeking to achieve in terms of creating a viable shellfish industry, increased population of filter fielding shellfish, improving water quality and having a program that can be sustained on a long-term basis but also one that we have taken an approach on that would be a limiting scale. That is one of the points that he will be presenting to you today.

Although the Peconic $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ay is a hundred fifty thousand acres, overall we're talking about a very, very small percentage of land that could be made available for this use. All of which would be subject to a full

1 DEC review. Without further adieu, I would ask DeWitt

2 Davies to run through a presentation of where we are in

3 the program.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Before you begin, for

clarification, it's my recollection that you actually,

if this goes forward, you actually have to complete the

process by 2010 to get your first lease out so we know

MR. ISLES: By state law.

As Tom mentioned, I will be Mr. Davies: giving you a synopsis of where we have been over the last twenty months or so. I will be followed by Greq Greene, the principal consultant on the project. next graphic here shows our identification of the area on this particular project. You see this particular line through here west of the Gardiners Bay system, here is ceded to the county for this particular project. hundred ten thousand acres. The county cannot lease any property within one thousand feet of the high water The photo shows a hundred thousand foot buffer mark. here around the shore line. This is about three and a third football lengths wide. That is our planning area.

We have about ninety-one thousand acres left

out of the hundred ten thousand. Give you a little bit 1 of an overview in terms of what is happening with 2 3 respect to activity. For various purposes, market, restoration, restocking, as we speak today American 5 oysters, hard clams and some scallops are under cultivation. Two techniques, bottom culture raising of shellfish either on the bottom, or off the bottom, either in cages, racks or similar types of things. 8 9 Various types of gear here. You can see the scale of 10 the operations, oyster racks and cages, bags, nets. 11 distinction between being on bottom and off bottom is 12 important. On bottom means growing of shellfish on the 13 bottom of a natural underwater lands. Off bottom uses 14 different techniques, which includes containments, small 15 hydraulic dredges, also by rakes. The shellfish are not 16 contained in any structures when on bottom culture 1.7 All culture activities are regulated by the New 18 York State DEC through issuance of permits. 19 One of the first things that we had to do with 20 the project is identify all of the current aquaculture 21 operations in the way as well as those profits 22 controlled by private interests for this purpose in 23 order to account for them. This project would have been 24 infinitely easier had we been dealing with a clean slate

with respect to the Peconic Bay area; we are not. 2 had to deal with existing operations and consider how we 3 should have them participate in the leasing program as 4 well as also accomodate new growth in this particular 5 industry. We did conduct an extensive title search for 6 the private oyster grants that are out there that were 7 issued a hundred twenty years ago or so. We had to 8 account for temporary marine assignments, which are clearly authorizations given by New York State DEC for 9 contained or off bottom shellfish culture. 10 Thirty-one 11 assignments involving a hundred fifty-one acres for off 12 bottom culture. 13 Consider the fact that we do a lot of activity 14 on the assignments. The typical type of activity here with respect to off bottom culture involves cages, 15 16 various types of gear and we do have some information as

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18 a lot of activity. This particular graphic shows the 19 extent of private oyster grants in the Peconic Bay

to what is permitted on those particular sites.

20 Approximately a hundred fifty acres we had to

21 deal with that particular ownership right.

> With respect to ongoing activities there, we have twenty-eight grants permitted for either oyster culture or cultivation for species other than oysters.

The oyster grants comes with the right to culture
oysters. If they want to cultivate species, other
species other than American oysters, we have
accommodated that into the program and they have to
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We have some of the activities associated with some of these individual companies, dealing within our program only those areas outside the thousand foot boundary; that is where we have this particular authorization to deal with the leasing program. Some companies only deal with oysters, some with other types of shellfish, for instance, hard clams.

THE CHAIRMAN: When a lessee brings in an animal to cultivate, you specify what species are allowed for; for example, you allow the oriental oyster that is proposed to be used in Chesapeake Bay come here, or are you proposing they use just the American oyster?

MR. DAVIES: In the regulatory authority there are certain procedures and authorizations provided under DEC with respect to Shellfish imports. All of this has to be certified disease free. To my knowledge, they're not bringing in any exotic species in this area, and certainly that is not something we would encourage under this particular program.

1 In terms of where we have been with respect to 2 identifying those environmental and socio-economic 3 sensitive areas, Cashmin Associates conducted an extensive interview process throughout the entire East 4 5 End. This is a map showing various categories of 6 information, yield grass beds, historic and current 7 shellfish areas, multiple fisheries, areas where grants exist, where assignments exist, where other private 8 9 ownerships exist. For example, south of Plum island 10 where the state already issued, leased to a firm. 11 started with this layout in terms of what the existing 12 uses and resources are and proceeded to develop a 13 shellfish cultivation zone. 14 The green area on this map encompasses 1.5 approximately thirty-three thousand acres, again out of a hundred ten thousand acres within which leases may be 16 17 In other words, any lease that the county 18 considered issuing must be located in the mapped 19 shellfish cultivation zone, which must be approved by 20 the county legislature as part of this program. You can 21 see there are some regular shapes, for example here, 22 which encompasses existing privately owned grants.

areas that don't impose conflicts that survive the

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bedding process and for example, this line here, which
is drawn there to avoid any sort of conflict with
established navigation interests, we have a pattern here
that is described in detail in the program and how we
arrive at all these conclusions.

This is under development as we progress toward the end of this year in preparing a management program report. Those green areas show in detail next to North Haven, as you can see here they have them divided up into a grid system, which cashin Associates devised, showing potential lease sites in the shellfish cultivation zone. You can see a square with an internal square. The internal is a ten acre lease site and the external square is the buffer area. Don't be alarmed with the number of grids. We will get into that with the actual potential for changes.

We had to come up with a system for the public to come and look at the area and decide where they would like to pick a site or two for consideration under our program. In no way, shape or form will all these particular areas be leased; it's an impossibility. We had to devise a system whereby we could keep an accounting of call the potential areas and how they would be disposed. Again, I wanted to point out there

are buffers around each leased site and between one
lease and another there would be over a football field
length separating them. Lease program components, you
have seen these before, they are included in Appendix
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have been described in detail in other documents that we
are preparing now.

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Just to point out some of the things involved, these components are a requirement for the public now. We discussed size and shape of leases, we discussed the document, relative productivity of proposed leased Where there are productive bottoms, even within the shellfish cultivation zone, we have criteria set aside to define those. We have requirements with respect to survey and marking leased boundaries. also include things like lease rent, ten year lease terms, performances that the potential lessees will have to perform, like an annual report of activity. with things with respect to how a lease can be relocated if that is necessary because of changing envrironmental use or lease patterns. If a lease is terminated or transferred, we have to deal with the removal of aguaculture culture equipment. If, in fact, the owner doesn't do that, then there are provisions for that.

have to deal with the existing uses, end of lease program.

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There are some new answers here with respect to where they're located within the thousand foot boundary and adjacent to it, et cetera. Suffice it to say most of these assignments are located where they most likely wouldn't have to be relocated. We have to get a lease to perform their functions on a circular five acre area or they can expand to ten acres. this would be subject to the public notification Private bed owners; there are fifteen grants process. over approximately twelve hundred acres where there are title issues. The first thing they would to do prove they have private title. If not, they have to If not, some of these properties will prove to us. probably been returned to the public domain. significant number of acres and could possibly fall off our zone map.

Requirements for private oyster grants, we deal with this in a particular way, depending on the extent to which the particular operations have conducted oyster culture only or hard clam cultures with oysters, et cetera. This is an interesting aspect of the program which we debated guite a bit early on. This is the

1 price for establishing leases for new entrants into the 2 industry, something that the current situation doesn't 3 necessarily encourage. We have come up with a 4 determination that one percent per year increase in the 5 acreage per year annually, that was roughly six thousand 6 acre figure. We went back and forth with this particular number here on the committee, but we ended up 8 with one percent per year for the first five years. 9 Some people thought it should be more than that, but this is a compromise. 10 We have cultivation leases for experimental 11 12 education purposes. Agricultural, not commercial. 13 Let's not forget that aquaculture is an agricultural 14 use. It's not an industrial use, it's not a commercial 15 Despite what you may be reading in the newspapers, use. 16 it is an agricultural use under state law. 17 Future actions and consideration. The state law requires a five year program review whereby the 18 19 boundaries for the shellfish cultivation zone be 20 evaluated, and if necessary, changed. The committee 21 recommended the investigation of issuing leases larger 22 than ten acres and less than fifty, and the program, as 23 it stands now, would be subject to a significant 24 environmental review after ten years of experience,

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The proposed scale, the council at our previous meetings, due to our particular inability to convey things in an appropriate way, questioned the overall envelope within which this program could operate in terms of potential maximum leases. We give a comparison, as you know, of the current status and what the maximum would be over the first ten years of the This column shows the existing situation; for program. example, a hundred fifty-five acres of assignments. our grants, for other species, if all the grants used for cultivation of species other than oysters participated in the program and provided the appropriate documentation, they can get a lease on their entire grant. Maybe they can and maybe they can't. decide with respect to the documentation required.

If a firm is cultivating oysters only, in fact, they don't have to get a lease. If they want to get a lease to do other things other than oysters, the fact that they're not doing hard shellfish now, we can only get a hundred seventy-seven acres of the fallow grants. Given our limitations of new leases on one or two ten acre leases on the fallow grants, we have a total of only six hundred twenty acres.

1 The new lease is subject to the limits, 2 roughly thirty-one hundred acres. That is the situation 3 is decided in favor of the applicant, they all decide to participate, they get maximum growth with respect to new 4 5 leases, everything is decided in favor here of the 6 applicant and they all decide to participate. That is 7 about two point seven percent of the entire amount of 8 underwater land in the system. Right now several 9 thousand acres are already under cultivation. This is a 10 maximum use over ten years. Frankly, in my estimation, 11 we're never going to get near that. 12 The lease management program, program 13 We have to include a local law. management report. 14 have to include the final maps. We have to develop and 15 implement plan and recommend activities in concert with 16 the program. That will address procedural 17 requirements. For example, forms and instructions, we 18 are preparing application forms. The form of lease 19 agreement. What would have to be included in annual 20 reports and other things with respect to actions 21 involving potential lessees that we have to deal with. 22 The program completion and implementation 23 schedule, we hope to complete the SEQRA process by the 24 end of the year, draft by the aquaculture lease program

management report, we hope to complete also by the end 1 of the year. We are being optimistic. Hopefully, this 2 3 can be taken up sometime early in the new year and start implementation in April 2009. No leases have be issued 4 by the county after December 31, 2010. The authority of 5 of Suffolk County to lease will terminate. 6 I'll turn the presentation over to Greg Greene at this point. 8 I'd like to give you 9 MR. GREENE: Thank you. 10 a brief update on the SEQRA review and also tell you 11 briefly how your particular comments that you heard earlier were addressed in the Final Generic Impact 12 13 As you may recall, the draft was prepared Statement. 14 March 2008. After the draft was prepared, there was a public review period, including a public hearing. 15 Comments were received from CEQ also from the public, 16 17 both in written form and in testimony at the hearing. Comments were also received from agencies and various 18 other individuals and stakeholders. Those comments were 19 reviewed, all reviewed, all summarized, put into general 20 21 categories because there were many repeat comments. Just to give you an idea of the range, the 22 general categories of comment that were were received 23 24 and addressed in the final GEIS, they're listed here.

For the sake of time, I won't go into all these now. I would like to specifically explain how the council's comments were addressed in the final GEIS.

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The first comment here was probably a very important one. It was a comment that we should be clear in identifying what the objective and responsibility of the county lease program is. That responsibility is to provide access to underwater lands for shellfish The county does not regulate, does not aquaculture. have the right to regulate shellfish aquaculture and other shellfish operations under control of DEC. The DEC conditions permits and conditions of permits relating to harvest methods, harvest sites, size limit and many other factors regulated under the Environmental Conservation Law. That is not the role of the county in this program.

The county's role is to provide access of the underwater lands. We envision that the program will succeed with both the county and DEC working during the review period. The county will hold the public review. DEC input will be recieved at that point. If DEC needs to comment on any protective lease site, they will have the opportunity.

The second comment probably evoked more live

discussion than all others. That is the issue of 1 2 hydraulic dredging. I would like to point out, it's not 3 the county's role to dictate specific harvest methods 4 and that type of thing. The final GEIS however, did 5 contain a much more expanded discussion of hydraulic 6 dredging and its impact. In fact, there is a separate 7 appendices included to make sure all relevant data and 8 literature was presented on those issues. 9 includes a discussion of factors in the program that 10 would mitigate any potential impacts on hydraulic 11 dredging. 12 There are two things I would like to point 13 In our FEIS, GEIS, we made it clear that you must 14 differentiate between hydraulic dredging associated with 15 shellfish farming. It's not the same as dredging associated with channel dredging on a large scale or 16 17 with wild stock harvests. In general, hydraulic 18 dredging is focused, it's limited in time. The farmer 19 knows where he planted the shellfish and he wants to 2.0 retrieve them as efficiently as possible. It's not the 21 broad scale hydraulic dredging you would get if someone 22 was out searching for wild stock. 23 Because of the very modest scale of the 24 property, limit on the size of leases, we projected that

there will not be any significant increase in the amount 1 2 of dredging for shellfish under this program. 3 THE CHAIRMAN: I can't resist a comment. As you remember, I was very much opposed to hydraulic 5 dredging, still am not particularly mollified by the 6. approach taken, although I do understand the county 7 doesn't, really not their prerogative to do that. 8 guess I was still hoping that the county would say if 9 you want to lease thou shall not do hydraulic dredging. 10 That was my hope. 11 MR. GREENE: We felt it was important to 12 preserve operations that were already under way out 13 The program certainly does not want to hurt 14 those who have been involved in aquaculture or invested a lot of time and effort in it. 15 If those operations 16 permitted hydraulic dredging opportunities, we certainly wanted to accommodate those, and the program does 17 1.8 accommodate that. There are very strong safeguards 19 beyond that if anyone applies for a lease and was to do 20 the dredging. 21 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I started very much where 22 you are, thinking about the old days where people would 23 go into any area and use it as harvesting technique. 24 This is different. We are only giving leases on

nonproductive lands. These are areas right now not able to sustain oysters or other mollusks.

In terms of hydraulic dredging, you're only dredging up what you planted. The issue really becomes if aquaculture is going to be viable economically, it's not just an economic program. The idea being if you have enough stock out there, you will see the shellfish come back and have the added filtering capacity of all that shellfish and that will help clear the waters, improve water quality. It's a trade off.

There are concerns about sediment disturbance and non-target organisms with hydraulic dredging. To which degree we can mitigate that is subject to the GEIS. To me, it's looking better than it had in the past.

MR. KAUFMAN: I agree with what Jay is saying. At the previous meeting, Larry and I were both very disturbed about hydraulic dredging. Both of us happen to have a fair amount of experience with ship dredging, ship channel dredging. I also came around, if you will, and in my mind it was almost a balancing. Yeah, there can be effects from dredging, but you have to balance that against the fact that it's probably going to be only a ever couple of years.

1 We are talking six hundred acres over a ten 2 year period. Not all of that is going to be dredged out We don't know if dredging is going to be 3 at one time. the preferred option of the lessor. It's going to be 4 5 away from presently productive areas, it's almost an 6 edge habitat in that sense. There are a fair amount of 7 mitigation techniques that the county is going to be 8 I just don't see a toppling effect from it. 9 There can be localized impacts from hydraulic dredging, 10 but again, I just don't see it as being decisive in 11 terms of hurting the entire ecosystem. 12 It's a balancing, it's only six hundred acres 13 total of this program. To the extent that the county 14 and DEC can control things, in my mind, it balances 15 out. 16 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Don't know if it's a great 17 comparison if you asked the potato farmer not to use a 18 tractor and hand dig everything, he would say then I 19 can't afford to stay in business. I have been fortunate and have been invited to visit some of these aquaculture 20 21 You get a little bit of brown tide or red businesses. 22 tide, you have lost your business for the year. 23 tough, tough business. We are trying to get young 24 people to go into this business to help them come back,

to help improve the water quality. You don't want to
make it impossible for them to make a buck here; it's
tough enough. I think hydraulic dredging under these
circumstances makes sense.

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MR. GULBRANSEN: What state the role of the council this afternoon with regard to the material we have been given? We have been given material for review. I want to find out whether there is a opportunity to change and refine or whether you're seeking confirmation.

MR. KAUFMAN: We have gone past the point of trying to make major changes. We are at the GEIS stage of the generic. We're looking to see if the county has met its responsibility. It's not a policy decision at that point in time. I'm actually going to be talking about this. We are seeing if the county applied with adequate mitigation at this point in time.

We know from previous discussions there has been identification of the versus issues and a setting forth of a plan. Once we order up the GEIS and asked for the final finding statement to be made, we're at the point of compliance. Have the issues been properly finalized and sufficient analyzed so it makes meets the SEQRA requirements. We are not making policy judgment.

1	MR. GULBRANSEN: I heard we could conceivably
2	decide yes today, or we could find something that we
3	feel has not been adequately defined. If that occasion
4	arises, are we to continue discussion as to what
5	changes?
6	MR. KAUFMAN: I think our charge under SEQRA
7	is to see whether it has been adequately described and
8	adequately dealt with under the regulations. We may
9	disagree with some things.
10	MR. BAGG: Your charge is to review the FGEIS
11	and make comments to the legislature. There is no
12	approval, disapproval of deeming satisfactory or
13	anything else. You're in the later stage of the SEQRA
14	process. At this point you can make additional comments
15	to the legislature that you feel other issues may be
16	covered in the DGEIS and expanded on and comments
17	relative to findings of this particular program in terms
18	of its impact on the environment. Their recommendations
19	to the legislature, the legislature makes the final
20	SEQRA determination and that cannot be delegated.
21	You have no approval or disapproval. That was
22	done with the DGEIS, that was done with the legislature
23	upon receipt of the FGEIS. The CEQ shall prepare a
24	Notice of Completion in accordance with the rules and

1 regulations, make available the Notice of Completion and 2 copies of the FGEIS in accordance with the rules and 3 The CEO usual forwards the FGEIS and regulations. 4 Notice of Completion, together with its comments and comments received from other parties on the FGEIS to the county executive and legislature within thirty days of 6 receipt thereof and shall provide a copy of its comments 8 and any others to the initiating unit. That is your 9 charge. 10 MR. GULBRANSEN: To follow up on the question 11 raised, our discussion with our recommendations today is 12 to clearly understand what their final comment is and 13 form a comment that we will send onward to the 1.4 legislature. 15 MR. BAGG: Exactly. Council Comment Number 3 was 16 MR. GREENE:

MR. GREENE: Council Comment Number 3 was there would be a mechanism for leases to be revoked or fall back and the program does include specific provisions that a lease could be cancelled if certain conditions aren't met, such as if there are violations under the Environmental Conservation Law or some other unforeseen environmental impacts do turn up. I would also like to remind the council that we hope that this does not happen too often because we put a lot of effort

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into identifying a cultivation zone that was less environmentally sensitive than other areas of the estuary.

Comment 4, there is a question as to whether it was a question of turf war of other areas of the estuary at this time. Based on interviews, there was nothing we would consider a turf war. There are arguments and complaints, but it seems like things are managed fairly well now. There is certainly nothing of a violent nature. The lease program has been designed to hopefully keep this as fair as possible. We already excluded the most sensitive areas of conflicts from the program. There will be buffer areas around lease sites and of course, there will be public and agency review before any lease is granted, so if there are any other issues, they could been vetted at that time.

MR. GULBRANSEN: There were comments received from others about the attractiveness of the edge habits, the steep changes. When I saw the green areas presented, it didn't look like there was any preclusion or setting aside of those areas, so the edge habits as described by some of the commentors remained in play and you feel that in your previous turf wars comment, that kind of like calmed down now and it's okay as it his.

1 MR. GREENE: Some edge habitats were left in 2 the cultivation zone out of necessity because there a 3 lot of edge habitats. Again, if any group has a 4 particular concern about a proposed lease site, they 5 will have the opportunity to tell the county that 6 If it's a legitimate concern, it can be concern. 7 addressed. 8 MR. GULBRANSEN: In a related clarification, 9 is it simple for you to explain a little bit more about the derivation of your buffer, the three hundred meters 10 11 or so you that you appropriated as the immediate buffer 12 around the square shapes. One might consider 13 rectangular shapes something that goes with the water 14 Is it easier to describe how the buffer 15 designation was reached? 16 MR. GREENE: To start with a square 17 designation is the best in the field. It's the easiest 18 to delineate. It's four corners. It's easy for someone 19 from the outside to see if a person is working within his square. Because of the corners, it's easy to 20 2.1 The buffer was more or less an arbitrary 22 decision. We wanted enough separation. It comes to 23 several hundred feet. We wanted to keep the square just 24 for ease and identifying these different candidate

There is no magic formula. We just felt we 1 parcels. 2 wanted some type of operating system. 3 Of course there can be additional operation when specific sites are chosen. We won't don't want to 4 5 select sites right next to each other. That will provide a greater distribution of sites throughout the 6 7 bay. MR. GULBRANSEN: When the evaluations are 8 9 done, it's conceivable that that buffering could, in 10 fact, be expanded if it's found necessary. 11 MR. GREENE: It could be expanded and there 12 could be some cases where you have group leases. 13 Comments 5 and 6 both pertain to navigational issues. 14 Any proliferation of additional buoys and equipment in 15 the bay could add to hazardous navigation to boaters. 16 Mitigation is described in the FEIS and DEIS as well. 17 Once again, the model scale of the project will help 18 minimize those types of conflicts. 19 The type of equipment is on bottom or cages 20 where it's well below the zone where it could be hit by 21 boats. This is four hundred feet from the shoreline, so 22 it's relatively deep water. This has to meet 23 navigational standards strictly. We felt there is 24 adequate mitigation. We deleted any navigational

1 channels as a buffer. 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Does the county assume any 3 liability with regard to not having these areas properly on nautical charts or properly buoyed? 4 5 MR. DAVIES: That is a legal question. 6 Suffice it it to say all the stipulations are subject to 7 county Law Department review. There will be a consideration of what these particular insurance 8 9 obligations will be on the part of the county and 10 prospective lessee. You're suggesting how nautical 11 charts may be modified to show potential lease area. 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, eventually show you're 13 entering a leased area. If an applicant doesn't 14 properly mark off his or her zone, and there is an 15 accident, get a line caught in a rope or something, is 16 the county held liable. I quess you don't know. 17 MR. DAVIES: That is going to be subject to a 18 stipulation in any lease agreement, and those particular 19 insurance requirements will be developed. I don't have 20 the answer for you today. Suffice it to say, there is 21 an intent to not encumber a lease applicant with 22 extraordinary requirements with respect to cash outlay 23 to participate in this program. These are essentially 24 don't want to kill the program before we even start, so

the specifics of that still have to be worked out with the Department of Law.

Again, any of the markers that are required here, they have to be maintained, the markers on the corner of their leases. Any other devices that need to be required to park the equipment or whatever would have to be determined by the Coast Guard or engineers, etc. They have would have permits from these entities in order to participate actively.

MR. KAUFMAN: DEC and other participating authorities do not generally end up with a high degree of liability. There is always liability out there. If it's a standardized technique of marking and it follows the regulations of, for instance, Coast Guard, then it's generally presumptive, if you will, adequate for the purpose. If anybody was ever hurt by running into one of these things, generally the liability level would not be very high to the permitting agency or lessor.

MR. GREENE: I would like to point out, at least in the initial years of the program, most of the lease sites that will be in the program are already there now through the temporary assignment program and the grants that are out there. There is no documented history of any type of excessive navigational issues, at

1	least none were raised to us, although there were some				
2	comments regarding the number of traps in the bays now.				
3	Comment Number 7 regarding will there be any				
4	type of paints or toxic materials used to control growth				
5	on equipment. Under this program, that will not be				
6	allowed. In fact, FDA has requirements that such				
7	materials could not been used to treat fouling. These				
8	are environmentally friendly. They don't involve the				
9	use of toxic materials. That again is described in the				
10	FGEIS.				
11	Comment 8 regarding the format of the Draft				
12	GEIS, I think there is a suggestion that the draft may				
13	have been more user friendly. Mitigation immediately				
14	following the description of the impact which				
15	immediately followed the existing condition, although				
16	the draft could not been changed, that which it did				
17	include, in the Final GEIS, summary tables that do				
18	present the impacts and mitigation in that order, so it				
19	it is user friendly.				
20	MR. KAUFMAN: That was my comment. I looked				
21	at the table that you prepared on Page 18 through 20.				
22	It answered everything in a nice way. It met my SEQRA				
23	issues.				
24	MR. GREENE: Comment 9 was an issue regarding				

whether waste would be generated by aquaculture. 1 2 is discussed in both the draft and final documents. Ιn general, the scale of this program, which is very 3 modest, which provides a buffer between lease sites and 4 5 which will provide limits on the amount of shellfish grown, we believe will not been great enough to have any 6 7 There is various other mitigation measures impacts. also discussed in the final that we believe explains 8 9 this issue. Again, this will be ongoing. I'll talk 10 about later ongoing monitoring that will help us 11 determine if there are any such issues in the future. 12 Comment 10, this issue came up a number of 13 times, basically saying could so many shellfish be put 14 in the bay under an aquaculture system that would kind 15 of exceed the carrying system of the bay. Again, I have 16 to point back to the modest scale of the program, that the number of shellfish and lease sites would not been 17 18 detectible in terms of general water quality throughout 19 the bay. Also, there are various mitigation measures 20 discussed in the GEIS. Again, there will be -- all the

I think it's also fair to point out there is a common belief and some scientific evident that suggests

leasing will be subject to DEC review as far as what is

grown and quantities and how.

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1	filter feeding shellfish are good for the bay. They				
2	have benefits to the ecology of the bay system.				
3	MR. GULBRANSEN: If I may. Is there going to				
4	be comment coming up with regard to the monitoring?				
5	MR. KAUFMAN: One thing on the section that				
6	you just did, I think it's important to note that a lot				
7	of this is restoration of historical habitat that may				
8	have been fished out, or restoration of a keystone				
9	species that may have suffered drastic population				
10	decline over the years. In that sense I don't see, I				
11	don't see how restoration of a keystone species can				
12	cause a problem if you're restoring the habitat in that				
13	way.				
14	MR. GREENE: The number of shellfish in the				
15	bay were historically much greater than they are now.				
16	Restoration is an important goal of these programs.				
17	MR. GULBRANSEN: Where is the program seeking				
18	to fulfill a restoration? I don't get that in our				
19	review of it. I don't see us looking at a program.				
20	MR. KAUFMAN: That is the one of the				
21	ancillary benefits. Historically if you go back, there				
22	were greater clam populations, oyster populations in the				
23	entire complex. Over the years, those areas have been				
24	fished out. That is why you have the non-productive				

To the extent that you are restoring what was 1 once there, I don't think that is a bad thing. 2 These folks have no 3 MR. GULBRANSEN: responsibility to account for restoration to achieve it. 4 It's an MR. KAUFMAN: None whatsoever. 5 ancillary benefit. It's not a bad thing to try and 6 They're not responsible over here for restore that. doing it, it's just an ancillary benefit. 8 MR. GREENE: The program does include 9 10 provisions for leases for restoration purposes. We 11 wanted to keep that flexibility in the program in case a 12 municipality or non-profit group wants to do something 13 related to shellfish restoration. 14 Comment 11 was council's comment, also a 1.5 comment from a number of other groups regarding the introduction of exotic species or diseases through an 16 17 aguaculture program. DEC has pretty rigorous 18 restrictions on Importing shellfish. There are local 19 hatcheries that can be used to provide local stock. 20 hatchery stock needs to be certified as disease free. 21 DEC also has a protocols to prevent intrastate transfer of potentially deceased shellfish, such as is 22 done in a transplant program. There very strong 23 24 protections with regard to this issue. The DEC is

1 actually working on another policy to even strengthen 2 their program. We feel this is another issue well 3 explained in the final GEIS. I'm not sure who this 4 MR. GULBRANSEN: question is for. I recall in earlier discussions there 6 is a little bit of courtship still under way between the 7 county's mission and execution and DEC goals and how they're going to overlay and how it will get done 8 9 right. 10 Are there any comments or recommendations this 11 council should consider including in our instructions to 12 the legislature with regard to how the county can get 13 along better with DEC, or if that is a moving target. 14 It's tough for us to tell. Is the county moving closer 15 to them. 16 MR. TSLES: It's something we're trying to 17 We appreciate the cooperation of DEC in developing 18 the program guidelines that will tell how the program is 19 going to be administered. Law requires that we have a 20 two months for notification process on a specific 21 We would want to have a meeting with the 22 applicant and we want DEC to attend the meeting as 23 well.

MR. GULBRANSEN:

Is this your document?

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1 MR. TSLES: It's in there in terms of the 2 draft management document, but it's a good comment. 3 MR. GREENE: Comment 12, proponents of the 4 program that will quarantee removal of the gear if the 5 site is abandoned. Yes, there is this component in the 6 We have made reference to those respective sections in the document. 8 Comment 13, whether or not there would be an 9 educational program. I do want to point out again, 10 there is an educational expermimental phase provided in 11 the program where if an individual group or non-profit 12 entity or anyone else wants to conduct aquaculture 13 experiments, there is room for that in the program. 14 could be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Also, we 15 know the existing aquaculture industry works closely with Cornell Extension. We know that those 16 17 relationships will continue, and the East Coast Shellfish Association as well. 18 19 The last comment was regarding monitoring. 20 think the comments expressed that a program such as this 21 should be implemented in conjunction with some type of 22 monitoring program. And our program will include a 23 strong recommendation that protocols for such a 24 monitoring program been implemented. One thing I would

1 like to say is under monitoring, I also include 2 gathering information on what is happening with 3 aquaculture and what the progress is, what is being raised, where the successes, what are the failures. 4 5 The county program has a mechanism where 6 feedback from lease holders is required on an annual 7 basis, so we will build that database up so the county 8 will know what is happening on the bay. 9 As far as environmental monitoring, we feel 10 that important protocols will be explored for some type 11 of monitoring program and also there are efforts under way to see if existing monitoring programs can be 12 13 modified, expanded or changed to incorporate monitoring. 14 Suffolk County has a fairly extensive water quality 15 monitoring program as far as the Peconic Bay program. 16 MR. ISLES: If I could close the presentation 17 There has been a lot We appreciate your time. What I would like to underscore, in the past 18 presented. 19 three years in the review and development of this 20 program, the development of the environmental document 2.1 with the help of ALPAC, the one hundred thousand acres, 22 there has been a very thorough process to identify 23 issues, environmental conflicts. 24 The end result is basically a two fold

1 How do we take the existing users and deal program. 2 with them in an appropriate fair and responsible manner 3 and how do we accommodate growth. The way we accommodate growth is not by saying we should add 4 hundreds of thousands of acres. We said with the 5 6 backing of the committee, one percent of the maximum of what is there now. Sixty acres a year for the next five years and then ten years for review. 8 We saw the boxes on the lease sites, but we 9 are really talking about six to twelve leases a year. 10 The lease sizes are five to ten acres. They're very 11 limited in size; therefore, for sixty acres, if we did 12 six ten acre leases or twelve five acres leases, we 13 14 have kept the program by design, by scale, on a very limited nature. 15 16 We are taking a very soft footed approach in 17 terms of how do we clean up and manage what is there already in a sensible manner, and how do we allow for 18 That growth is as incremental as we could 19 growth. 20 possibly do, at the same time allowing for growth. 21 There will be a few spots with activity in those 22 hundreds of boxes. We appreciate your time today. 23 I believe there are some speakers from the committee who may be 24

here today and certainly we will answer any questions 1 2 vou have. 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Thank your entire group. I think you conducted a very 4 5 thoughtful and thorough process, even though some of us 6 might not agree with everything. I will open it up 7 to -- is there anybody here from the public that would 8 like to speak. State your name and address for the 9 record. 10 MR. BELYEA: Dave Belvea. I'm co-owner of 11 Frank M. Flower & Sons Shellfish business in Oyster 12 Bay. My link to this whole thing is the fact that I 13 provide shellfish feed for many of the growers out in 14 the Peconic, mainly oyster and clam seed. I made my 15 expertise available to ALPAC's committee and I can't say 16 enough about the diligence they have used in these 17 And Mr. Isles and Mr. Davies and Mr. Greene procedures. 18 have done a very good job with that. 19 I have had Mr. Greene and Mr. Keith Brewer at 20 my operation in Oyster Bay. They have looked at my 21 hatchery techniques. We have a five thousand square 22 foot hatchery. We have five large boats, ranging from 23 fifty to ninety feet, that participate in our

aquaculture operation in Oyster Bay. We're the last of

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2 that are left in New York State.
3 The only reason we're still around is because
4 we used the modern techniques of aquaculture to sustain

the large shellfish companies, dating back to the 1800's

our industry. We started back in the 1960's. Mr. H.

Butler Flower built the hatchery back then. We

experimented with it about ten years. After about ten

8 years we started to make a profit. We have been able to

9 sustain up to fifty million oysters and fifty million

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They're out there spawning each year. Some years are better than others, depending on environment and weather conditions. We get a number of clam sets that are able to be traced back from the clams planted by our hatchery because we used a variety called nautotic clams, which is a natural variety in Oyster Bay. We used that variety as planting stock since 1980.

There was a clam survey done by Cashmin & Associates about a year ago for the Town of Oyster Bay. We found on some of the public lands which that the populations of nautotic clams have reached forty or

1	fifty percent. That means what we planted out in the				
2	bay is spawning and repopulated public areas. Your				
3	baymen realize this and we get good support from the				
4	Baymens Association.				
5	As far as the scope of the program, I've got				
6	to say that it's very small. Everything can go wrong				
7	in the area that has been proposed, and you still				
8	probably wouldn't be able to know it evironmentally.				
9	It's a little discouraging to see that it's going to be				
10	so small for the industry, but if that is the way it's				
11	got to start, I would say they're very much on the side				
12	of safety and environmental awareness.				
13	I have had Cashmin Associates to my operation.				
14	I'm willing to have any of you people or anybody from				
15	the Suffolk legislature come and view my operation.				
16	Right now we're participating in a study done by the				
17	East Coast Shellfish Growers Association.				
18	THE CHAIRMAN: Can you summarize?				
19	MR. BELYEA: We are going to participate in				
20	that and the results of that will be available to you				
21	and everybody else. Any help I can be in that process,				
22	would be glad to do it.				
23	MR. KAUFMAN: The DGEIS process, several				
24	communications were identified as coming from your				

1 I did not see full backup on it. I know what. 2 happened on the South Shore in the Blue Point area, if 3 you will, where extensive dredging and removal of wild 4 stock occurred and there was basically a population 5 Are you saying in Oyster Bay, under your 6 cultivation techniques, that in areas that you maybe 7 have cleared, the clams from say ten years ago, that 8 those clams and other organisms are repopulating? 9 MR. BELYEA: Yes, Oyster Bay, where we are 10 doing our aquaculture operations, includes about half of the culturable area in Oyster Bay as the most productive 11 12 bay on Long Island. I feel that it's a result of what 13 We will seed areas, known areas in square lots 14 anywhere from ten to twenty acres. Once the areas are 15 seeded, they won't be touched for a minimum of three 16 Then when the clams reach market size, it will 17 take us six months to a year to clear the clams from 18 that area. Immediately we will reseed that area again 19 and then not touch it again. 20 MR. KAUFMAN: Reseeding is viable. 21 MR. BELYEA: We grow fifty million oysters 22 and fifty million clams. We planted on the bay bottom 23 We make seed available to other every year. 24 aquaculturists on Long Island, which is only a small

1 percent of what we use in our operation. We feel that 2 that is something, it's like a side business for us, but 3 it also provides excellent --4 MR. KAUFMAN: That's going a little far 5 afield from my original question. I think you answered Thank you. 6 it. Thank you very much. THE CHAIRMAN: 8 MR. RIVERA: Gregg Rivera; two G's at the end 9 of Greag. Aquaculture specialist for Cornell 10 Cooperative Extension, also member of ALPAC. I want to 11 say I worked with the majority of the shellfish growers 12 in the Peconic and Gardiners for the last twenty-two 13 years, helping people get permits, helping them solve 14 problems. 15 I would like to make you aware that this 16 program is necessary to legitimize this fledging 17 industry. There are people working out there on a year 18 to year business. If you go to a bank and try to get a 19 loan for something that may take three years to grow 20 out, you have a one year temporary assignment, you're 21 not going to get very far with a banker. This will help 22 legitimize these very small businesses. 23 I want to voice my support for everything that 24 the Planning Department has done and Cashmin

1 I wish the other users of the estuary had Associates. 2 to go through the same process, everyone from property 3 owners to boat owners and everyone in between. 4 you. 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Next. 6 MS. RIVERA: Karen Rivera. I am the past 7 president of the East End Farmers Association. 8 been growing shellfish for twenty-five years on Long 9 Island. Also a member of ALPAC. Basically the industry 10 has waited -- in New York has waited a long time for 11 this opportunity. The county had originally given the 12 right to lease underwater land in 1969. Nothing 13 We had sort of a stop gap measure of the happened. 14 temporary marine use assignments. DEC has given grant 15 owners permission to cultivate species other than clams 16 for twenty, twenty-five years now. 17 The environmental benefits of shellfish aquaculture are well documented. More studies are being 18 19 conducted. I would like to note that in New York State, 20 we are not permitted to use the upper estuary for clam 21 cultivation, so we can't do what they do in 22 Massachusetts or Virginia. We have to use, because it's 23 the only opportunity for us, the deeper water, and there

is just no other way to harvest these animals or grow

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these animals than planting them on the bottom and
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The environmental effect; there are no significant negative impacts that have been documented with this type of activity. Further study is being The industry is also working on best management practices with the World Wildlife Fund and also a grazing study is being done in the Peconic to look at the effects of grazing of the animals. That is still being done. Again, we're talking about additional acreage that is very, very minimal. It's much less than the opportunity being tried by our neighboring states we. Waited a long time for it.

I think that County Planning Department and Cashmin have done a thorough job with the environmental review and I ask that you issue the Notice of Completion for the FGEIS. A lot of work has been done.

The one question that was raised here that I would like to clarify. One of the council members asked about the Asian oyster being grown. One, we're not permitted to do that by the DEC. We can only grow our native oyster and the oyster seed, if we were to buy them, has to come from north of New York State. I can

also tell you there is no desire by our industry to grow the Asian oyster. Our oyster grow fine. They survive well and taste better and we're proud of them. You can cross the Asian oyster off your list of concerns.

The other comment that came up was restoration. I just want to clarify that the restoration advantage of having commercial aquaculture in the Peconic is we're planting millions of oyster and clam seed and some bay scallops every year, more than the town and public and non-profit programs. These animals are growing to productive size and spawning. The benefit is imparted to the bay. We're starting to see populations of oyster starting to spring up around Oyster Bay.

MR. GULBRANSEN: The FGEIS notes a few different kinds of potential impacts. Amongst many mitigations was a discussion about incremental. It's much less than would be significant or the diminimus argument. I can imagine DEC would not be able to issue a permit to somebody who did one thing in such a small place and they wouldn't be able to impose on that one small person to do monitoring because it's a small area. I hope that the county's monitoring plan will be extensive enough to both look for the cumulative

1 impacts, but towards Ms. Rivera's comment, I think it's 2 not adequate to say just environmental monitoring 3 protocol is being looked at. That is a technical 4 question. Certainly there are a lot of technical ways 5 to monitor. 6 The most important question is the mission. T 7 perhaps would request that our recommendation to the legislature instruct the management of the monitoring 8 9 program to also seek for the benefits of this thing. 10 Looking for negative impacts out in the bay is not the 11 same thing as looking for beneficial impacts, and both 12 should be examined. 13 But I believe it's true, the restoration will be there and there will be lots of other benefits that 14 15 would be documented and should be. There could be 16 places where a negative thing occurs and we have to be 17 able to show the results in both lights to show that the 18 program would be wise going forward. 19 MR. KAUFMAN: I read the FGEIS and finding 20 stsatements, et cetera. The county has gone through a

raised previously, everything from essential fish

very in-depth analysis of the various concerns that we

habitats to the discussion of the hydraulic dredging and

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things like that.

1	My opinion right now, and it could change in				
2	the next thirty seconds based upon anything that council				
3	brings up, but I think this is a pretty complete				
4	document. Talking about it only from the SEQRA sense, I				
5	think it's adequate under SEQRA. I think all the issues				
6	we raised earlier have been discussed. The presentation				
7	was very good. The finding statement was very good. I				
8	think the analysis supports the program's objectives. I				
9	think a hard look has been taken. I think maybe the				
10	document has to be tweaked and I think this is pretty				
11	much good to go the way it's been set up.				
12	I throw that out to the council to see what				
13	everybody thinks. Everybody can object to one thing or				
14	the other.				
15	THE CHAIRMAN: Do you want to make that a				
16	motion? Make it a motion, someone will second it and we				
17	will discuss it.				
18	MR. KAUFMAN: I make a motion that we turn it				
19	this over to the Suffolk County Legislature declaring				
20	that the FGEIS is complete, that the process has been				
21	properly followed, adequate under SEQRA, and anything				
22	else we need to add to that, Jim?				
23	MR. BAGG: We have to make a recommendation				
24	as to whether you think the finding statement should be				

1 adopted by the legislature. 2 I'll make that part of my MR. KAUFMAN: 3 motion. 4 THE CHAIRMAN: I have a few additional 5 comments. MR. BAGG: I'll second the motion. 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comment? Do we want 8 to add to that, Tom? It will once the monitoring -- not 9 only to look for negative impacts, also look for 10 beneficial impacts. This group must be worn out. 11 have a motion on the floor that has been seconded. All12 in favor? (Show of hands) Opposed? Motion carries. 13 MR. GULBRANSEN: Congratulations. 14 MS. SOUIRES: I want to remind everyone that 15 the 2008 conference on the environment will be October 16 17th through the 19th. It's co-sponsored by the New 17 York State Association of Conservation Commissions, 18 which I am president of, and Environmental Management 19 Council, which CEQ is part of. It's being held in 20 Canton, at St. Lawrence University. St. Lawrence 21 University has a platinum certified student program that 2.2 I think is pretty exciting. If you would like to go, 23 it's lovely there. You can go to the NYSACC Website,

which is NYSACCNY. org.

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1 The other thing I just wanted to say briefly, 2 just for the public record, but it does involve the 3 county, in the sense that we share money as the Town of 4 Huntington has proposed, is proposing a new bond referendum which is an extension of 1998 bond referendum which expires this year. There will be no increase in 6 7 taxes. It will just stay on the tax roles, as it was. 8 And we broke it down by five million for open space, 9 five million for park improvements, four million for 1.0 neighborhood enhancements and a new category of green 11 infrastructure on town buildings. We understand it's 12 difficult economic times. We would have loved more 13 money, but we chose to extend and that is what we are 14 using for our public relations. This will not be 15 increased money for taxpayers. If you look on the 16 town's Website, and you go to under the Planning 17 section, the online library, you can find our ten year 18 report. It's quite extensive. It was written by Margot 19 I think it's magnificent, but it details 20 everything that the Town of Huntington has done in 21 addition to the county involvement. 22 We could have not very done the things we do 23 in Huntington without Suffolk County's support. 24 wanted to let you know that in terms of information.

1	Thank you.
2	THE CHAIRMAN: Have a notion to adjourn?
3	MR. KAUFMAN: Motion.
4	MR. MACHTAY: Second.
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3	STATE OF NEW YORK)
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7	I, JUDI GALLOP, a Stenotype Reporter and
8	Notary Public for the State of New York, do hereby
9	certify:
10	THAT this is a true and accurate transcription
11	of the Suffolk County Council on Environmental
12	Quality meeting held on September 17, 2008.
13	I further certify that I am not related,
14	either by blood or marriage, to any of the parties
15	in this action; and
16	I am in no way interested in the outcome of
17	this matter.
18	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
19	hand this 1st day of November, 2008.
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