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TOWN OF SMITHTOWN

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Honorable Steve Bellone
Suffolk County Executive
H. Lee Dennison Building
100 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

RE: Dredging

Dear County Executive Bellone:

The boating channels for both Stony Brook Harbor and the Nissequogue River are in serious need of dredging. The last time that these areas received work was in 2013. Since that time, portions of the channels have degraded to the point where some sections have less than two feet of water at low tide. Such conditions represent a serious hazard to the many boaters who utilize Stony Brook Harbor, the Nissequogue River and Smithtown Bay. Emergency response times to health emergencies during low tide are greatly increased by these conditions.

Attached are copies of letters from town officials to Suffolk County Department of Public Works personnel dating back to 2013 which identify the dredging needs throughout this area.

I urge you to direct that efforts to improve this situation be given every priority.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK R. VECCHIO
Town Supervisor

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Cc: Town Board

Russell K. Barnett, Director of Environment &
Waterways