

## *Kings Park Neighbors 'Association*

Congressman Tim Bishop  
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Re: Nissequogue River State Park

January 8, 2009

Dear Congressman Bishop,

I would like to thank you for your past support of the Nissequogue River State Park. As you are undoubtedly aware, remediation and redevelopment of this property has yet to begin. The State is in the process of moving forward with an engineering study of 368-acres of this property, that portion formerly known as the Kings Park Psychiatric Center.

Please note, the 29 million dollars that Senator John Flanagan worked to secure for cleanup of this property has again been re appropriated in the 2009-10 Recommended Executive Budget.

We are reaching out to you at this time because the incoming President-Elect, Barack Obama, has stated that his number one goal of his economic plan is to create three million new jobs. As it has been described, this is a bold, yet vitally important measure to help our country move out of our present economic crisis.

Keeping all of the above in mind, we believe that it is well worth discussing and considering a collaborative project between the Federal Government and New York State on the remediation and redevelopment of this parkland. Such a project, wherein a substantial amount of funding already exists, would not only create jobs, stimulate the economy, but also preserve land and create a beautiful park that all of New York State residents can enjoy.

Again thank you for your support of the property and we look forward to discussing the above matter with you at your convenience.

Respectfully,

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