



OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR

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Dear Community Member,

Please join me in supporting the Friends of Connetquot in their pursuit for complete and immediate State funding for a full-spectrum Environmental review that could preserve the Connetquot Hatchery, which was closed in January 2009 after more than 140 years in existence. Our community plea for state funding for an in-depth review will take place on Tuesday, August 18th at 11 am at the Connetquot State Park Preserve Hatchery.

Preserving the Hatchery is crucial because of its historical, educational and economic contributions to our Town. Tourists and fishermen from around the world have made their way to the Preserve to see the Hatchery and to experience some of the finest trout fishing in all of New York, but since the mandated closing the Preserve has received 30% less visitors and an overall 90% fewer fishers. That's not all; our local schools have provided students with educational programs at the preserve and our own residents have made the Hatchery a weekend destination to see the trout and to learn about our Town's heritage. In other words, the Hatchery has been to us a great source of income, education and pride and we need to work together to get the proper studies done immediately to get the hatchery re-opened for another 140-years.

For more information on the event, please contact the Office of Public Information at 224-5485. I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Phil Nolan
Supervisor, Islip Town