



September 2, 2009

Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy  
H. Lee Dennison Building  
100 Veterans Memorial Highway  
P.O. Box 6100  
Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099

Dear County Executive Levy,

The Nissequogue River State Park Foundation is deeply concerned about a proposal to locate leaching fields for a sewage treatment plant at the Nissequogue River State Park. Placing leaching fields in a park would contradict your administration's long standing commitment to protect and improve our environment. However, it has become apparent that Suffolk County Department of Public Works is spearheading this initiative.

State parks provide our residents with an abundance of recreational and cultural activities. They give our children an enjoyable and safe place to play. State parks also provide a sanctuary for Long Island's wildlife. With this in mind, it seems quite unusual that state parkland would ever be considered for a sewage treatment facility. This type of use in any park would be unconscionable, unreasonable and regrettable.

We hope you will encourage the selection of a more suitable location for this project. Bringing sewers to our downtown districts has the potential to stimulate economic growth and provide an appropriate place for workforce housing, but it should not take place at the expense of our parks.

We appreciate your support of our efforts to enhance and beautify the grounds of the Nissequogue River State Park and look forward to working with you in the future to help make our community and Suffolk County the very best it can be.

Sincerely,

Michael Rosato  
Nissequogue River State Park Foundation