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Commissioner Carol Ash  
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation  
The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza - Agency Building #1  
Albany, New York 12238

RE: Nissequogue River State Park Recharge

Dear Commissioner Ash,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you know, State Parks has given Suffolk County permission to conduct a soil investigation at various locations at the Nissequogue River State Park property. We are also aware that it is the Park's position that no use of the this land will be approved without an exhaustive analysis of all possible alternative sites other than State land for the development of a sewage effluent system.

In an effort to better understand this issue, I am requesting the following information:

1. Whether the State has ever allowed a sewage effluent system on State parkland, other than for park use. If so, where and when?
2. The process in which the State will determine whether any alternatives exist.
3. If such a system is ultimately allowed, what steps would the State have to take in order to accommodate this request?

I am concerned that if this property is the County's preferred site, how will the State and the community be assured that all possible alternative locations are being analyzed?

Thank you for your attention to this a matter and I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Senator John Flanagan