



Peconic Estuary Program

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Reeves Bay Watershed Meeting
April 30th 6pm-7pm
David W. Crohan Community Center in Flanders
655 Flanders Road Southampton, NY
Peconic Estuary Program and Southampton Town

Dear Reeves Bay Watershed Property Owner,

The Peconic Estuary Program and Town of Southampton, with support from Water's Edge, Bayview Pines Civic Association, and Flanders/Riverside/Northampton Community Association, invite you to take part in an exciting water quality and habitat improvement project planned for your neighborhood! The April 30th meeting will provide you with the opportunity to learn about the project and the role you can play in making it a success. The Peconic Estuary Program (PEP) has developed a management plan for protecting and restoring Reeves Bay. Highlights of this plan include the installation of several grass swales and bioretention systems to capture and treat polluted stormwater and road runoff before it enters Reeves Bay. Together with Southampton Town, the PEP is working to implement this plan, starting with some structural improvements on roads surrounding Reeves Bay. To be successful however, we need your help and attendance at this important inaugural meeting.

Common pollutants from roads, homes, businesses, and farms can both enter into the groundwater system and easily run from sloping road ends directly into the bay, reducing water quality and habitat value. However, with a little help from Southampton Town and the PEP, you can help protect and restore Reeve's Bay and the nationally recognized Peconic Estuary. As one of the initial projects of this sort, your input is essential in developing similar programs for other water bodies within the Peconic Estuary to improve finfish, shellfish, and bird habitats as well as general water quality throughout the East End!

With over \$1 million in dedicated funding already in place, this partnership between Southampton Town and the Peconic Estuary Program has the potential to protect this local treasure, but your participation is key in really seeing success! Our combined efforts are likely to be successful provided you decide to participate, and at the April 30th meeting we will show you how easy it will be to do your part.

Please attend this meeting, on April 30, 2009 from 6pm-7pm at the Southampton Town David W. Crohan Community Center in Flanders to hear a brief update on the Reeves Bay ecosystem, the planned stormwater remediation projects (you will begin to see groundbreaking in your neighborhood shortly), and steps you can take around your home. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Even if you cannot attend this meeting, we still want and need your participation. For more information please visit the PEP website www.peconicestuary.org, email the program office info@peconicestuary.org, or contact Peconic Estuary Program representatives: Jennifer Skilbred at 631-765-6450 or Laura Stephenson at 631-444-0871, or Southampton Town representatives: Chief Environmental Analyst Marty Shea at 631-287-5710 or Stormwater Manager Walter Bundy at 631-702-2485.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vito Minei". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vito Minei

Peconic Estuary Program Director