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A TREE GROWS IN SUFFOLK

Legislature approves Hahn's bill to create memorial arbor program

PORT JEFFERSON, NY – With Arbor Day this Friday, the Suffolk County Legislature's Parks and Recreation committee earlier this week adopted a resolution to create a memorial tree planting program in Suffolk County parks. Sponsored by Legislator Kara Hahn (D-Setauket), [Introductory Resolution 1339-2012](#), will authorize the Suffolk County Parks Department to develop a 'Memorial Arbor Program' that will allow for the planting and dedication of individual trees on select active parkland. When implemented, individuals, families and organizations will be able to purchase trees to be planted by the county in honor of a loved one.

"Trees are both symbolic of the cycles in each person's life and serve as a reminder of the renewal of nature. Therefore the planting of a tree is one of the most fitting and lasting tributes to the memory of a loved one," said Legislator Hahn. "With the adoption of this bill Suffolk County will provide families with an earth-friendly way to celebrate the life of a loved one within the beauty and tranquility of our County parks."

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The program will be administered by the Suffolk County Parks Department with input from the Parks Board of Trustees in determining specific rules and regulations that will govern the program.

The bill now moves to Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone for his expected signature. Once the measure is fully implemented, information about how to arrange a memorial tree planting will be available from the Suffolk County Parks Department at (631) 854-4949.

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