

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR KARA HAHN



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**INVESTING IN SUFFOLK’S INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUTURE**  
*Legislature Adopts 2013-2015 Capital Budget, Funds Vital 5<sup>th</sup> L.D. Projects*

PORT JEFFERSON, NY – The Suffolk County Legislature last night adopted its 2013 to 2015 Capital Budget that will fund critical infrastructure and safety improvements to County owned assets over the next two years including several projects in the Fifth Legislative District that Legislator Kara Hahn (D-Setauket) advocated for. As a member of the Legislature’s Capital Budget Working Group, Legislator Hahn and her colleagues put forth a spending plan that continues support for maintaining Suffolk County’s roads and bridges, dredging of its waterways and necessary building reconstruction. Additionally, the amendments and advocacy offered by Legislator Hahn on behalf of residents of the Fifth District helped to secure funding for long languishing and critically important projects that are needed to ensure public safety, economic development and quality of life for her constituents.

Included in the 2013-2015 adopted Capital Budget is funding for:

Project Number	Project Description	Need
<a href="#">5497</a>	Adds \$100,000 for planning for sidewalk projects in 2013 and \$250,000 for construction in 2014 for sidewalks on Nicolls Road between the Stony Brook University north entrance and NYS Route 25A.	When completed, this project will protect pedestrians utilizing Nicolls Road/CR-97 and link Stony Brook University to the greater community. This will protect public safety and help support local businesses.
<a href="#">7007</a>	Adds \$50,000 for site improvements in 2013 to provide fencing at McAllister County Park ( <i>Belle Terre Village/Port Jefferson Harbor</i> ).	This project will replace a failing fence that is used to prevent visitors from accessing an unsecured, dangerous and environmental sensitive section of the county park.

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<a href="#">7079</a>	Adds \$50,000 for construction in 2013 for a driveway and parking at Forsyth Meadow Woods/Nora Bredes Nature Preserve ( <i>Stony Brook</i> ).	This project once completed will, for the first time, provide visitors with an access point to the Park.
<a href="#">7176</a>	Adds \$100,000 for construction in 2013 to restore historic structures and provides for site improvements, including conversion of a stable into a classroom space, at the Old Field Farm.	This project will restore historic structures located at the Farm which are in danger of collapse and pose a hazard to visitors.
<a href="#">8121</a>	Adds \$600,000 in sewer serial bonds for planning in 2013 to facilitate the procurement of outside funding for plant upgrades required to meet the 2014 nitrogen discharge limits contained within the Long Island Sound Study ( <i>Stony Brook, Stony Brook University, and Port Jefferson</i> ).	The proposed improvements to SD#21-Stony Brook University will decrease nitrogen discharge into the Long Island Sound through Port Jefferson Harbor, thus increasing the health of its ecosystem and protecting area bathers.

Beyond these important local projects, the Budget also includes funding for Suffolk County Community College’s campus infrastructure, the new, State mandated, Yaphank correctional facility and sewer construction that will support the Ronkonkoma Hub project.

“I am proud to have been a sponsor of this responsible and forward thinking spending package,” said Legislator Hahn. “Through many hours of hard work by County Executive Bellone and members of the Working Group we were able to advance a plan that delivers on Suffolk County’s current infrastructure commitments and lays the groundwork for the future economic development needed to spur job creation for our residents.”

Projects included in the adopted Capital Budget will commence on or after January 1, 2013, which will help build a stronger and more prosperous Suffolk County.