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Legislator Hahn Announces Access Improvements at Nora Bredes Preserve

PORT JEFFERSON, NY – Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn today announced that the first phase in a series of improvements to the Nora Bredes Preserve at Forsythe Meadow County Park in Stony Brook has been completed. This initial work by the Parks Department created a three car parking area for visitors of the Preserve and placed split-rail fence along the Park’s boundaries.

“Forsythe Meadow defines the natural beauty of the Stony Brook area,” said Legislator Hahn. “With the completion of this initial work, Suffolk County will finally be able to showcase the preserved wonders of this park and signals our commitment to improving access for all to enjoy.”

Early this fall, the Parks Department is expected to have a preliminary design for a trail through the park. Once completed, the trail project combined with additional improvements to the Park’s driveway will provide visitors with both access to the preserve and passive activities one within its confines.

“Stony Brook’s Last Forrest” was purchased by the County in 1999 after developmental pressures threatened to turn Forsythe Meadow into a subdivision. In April, the Preserve

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portion of the Park was rededicated to honor the memory of former Suffolk County Legislator Nora Bredes who represented the area from 1992 through 1998.

“It has been the community’s wish to see this Park accessible since it was purchased over a decade ago. With this and the other improvements planned, it finally will be,” Legislator Hahn added.

Visitors are encouraged to explore the Nora Bredes Preserve at Forsythe Meadow County Park, but are reminded not to park on the *shared* driveway or explore areas outside of the Preserve. If space is unavailable within the designated area, please return to Hollow Road for on-street parking; visitors are not permitted to park on adjoining private property.

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