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Calarco Takes First Step to Acquire Four Acres of Environmentally Sensitive Land in East Patchogue

Hauppauge, LI—Tuesday, May 8: Legislator Rob Calarco's bill (IR 1047) providing planning steps to acquire 4.3 acres of freshwater/tidal wetlands on the banks of the Swan River passed in a 16-2 vote at the General Meeting of the Legislature today. The parcel known as the Harbor Cove property sits adjacent to what had been the site of the Nesenger Car Dealership. Brookhaven Town now owns the old dealership property and has plans to create a park on the parcel.

The Legislature also passed in a vote of 17-1 a bill to acquire another 3.5 acres of environmentally sensitive wetlands also located in Leg. Calarco's District. IR 1206, which was introduced by Presiding Officer of Bill Lindsay on request of the County Executive, empowers the County to buy the Patchogue River Wetlands located on the south side of Woodside Avenue between Buckley Road and North Ocean Avenue for \$72, 950.

"The County's ultimate acquisition of the four acres of land on the Swan River and the purchase of the 3.5 acres known as the Patchogue River Wetlands are important for two reasons: First, the lands are an integral part of the South Shore Estuary and need to be protected from development. Second, in the case of the Swan River parcel, because it is located next to property that the town intends to turn into a park, these four acres will only enhance plans for passive parkland," said Leg. Calarco.