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Legislator Calarco Cleans Up Canaan Lake First Step Taken: Funds Appropriated for Planning, Engineering

Hauppauge, NY – On May 13, 2014 the Suffolk County Legislature approved a resolution to appropriate \$500,000 in funding for a dredging project at Canaan Lake, North Patchogue.

“For years Canaan Lake has been choked with invasive weeds,” stated Legislator Rob Calarco, who represents North Patchogue. “This is the first step in eradicating those weeds and restoring the lake.”

Canaan Lake, approximately 26 acres in size, has a compromised ecosystem since the highly invasive Cabomba weed and watermilfoil crowded out native plant species over the past few decades. Both were once popular plants for home aquariums but are now banned for sale in Suffolk County. “Canaan Lake used to be a place where families could row a boat or drop a fishing line. Now you can do neither in most of the lake,” said Legislator Calarco.

Residents have long complained about the presence of mosquitoes near the lake, which has grown exponentially since the it became clogged and the water stopped flowing. “Cleaning this lake will not only allow for additional recreational opportunities, but will ease a potential health burden on this community,” said Legislator Calarco.

The funds appropriated by the Legislature will be used for planning, engineering and permitting. An additional \$500,000 is anticipated for construction and dredging, which will take place in 2015.

“Canaan Lake is a place of pride for this historic North Patchogue community,” said Legislator Calarco. “I thank my fellow legislators for their support and I invite them to enjoy the lake with the community in 2015.”

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