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Deer Park dump site contaminated with same toxins found in other sites

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said today results of the testing of soil samples from the wetlands property in Deer Park where debris was illegally dumped shows the presence of asbestos and other hazardous materials including the acutely hazardous substances Dieldrin and Cobalt.

The environmentally sensitive six-acre property is adjacent to Sumpwams Creek and is a protected wetlands area forming the Great South Bay watershed.

“These test results are consistent with the toxic composition found in illegally dumped debris at Clemente Park and other sites in the Town of Islip. I believe the same individuals and entities are responsible for this environmental crime,” District Attorney Spota said.

The tests found the material at the Deer Park location, on the Islip-Babylon Town border, contains semi-volatile organic compounds, pesticides and metals. Non-friable asbestos from building materials is also present in the debris pile.

DA Spota said the hazardous substances identified in the Deer Park debris include DDT, Lead, Arsenic, Benzofluoranthene and Zinc.

“This pile of toxins is a genuine threat to the health of the Great South Bay ecosystem, a network of streams, creeks and wetlands that are protected under federal and state law. Sediment from the pile is washing directly into the creek,” District Attorney Spota said, ‘and the person or persons who dumped this material is directly responsible for the contamination of a fragile marine environment.’”

The district attorney's office has notified both Islip and Babylon townships of the findings, and has provided the asbestos and soil sample results to the DEC, the SC

Water Authority and the SC Department of Health Services to allow the agencies to proceed with any regulatory or administrative proceedings.

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