

Economic Development Newsletter

Nassau County Office of Economic Development



Suozzi Presides at Demolition of Long Beach Incinerator

On August 7, 2007, Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi presided at the final stage of the dismantling of the Long Beach Incinerator. Closed in 1997, the facility, the oldest incinerator on Long Island, has been a blight on the seaside city's landscape and its North Park neighborhood. The demolition makes room for economic development and revitalization.

The incinerator has had a long succession of owners since its construction in 1952 and was shut down in 1997 by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation because of operational problems, including air pollution. During its peak years, in the late 1980's and early 90's, it burned 200 tons of garbage daily.

"The Long Beach incinerator spewed pollution into the air for decades," Suozzi said. "Although it's been closed for 10 years, it remained an eyesore, dormant and decaying. Today, we are demolishing its smoke stack – the last stage in its dismantling and making way for new development that will spur Long Beach's economy. This is a huge step in the revitalization process of this great city."

Nassau County contributed \$515,000 in economic development funds – \$440,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, plus \$75,000 for engineering – to the City of Long Beach to assist with the demolition. Additionally, the County contributed \$635,000 in Environmental Bond funding.

Over the past five years, Nassau County has helped the City of Long Beach with more than \$4.7 million in CDBG funds, which have been used for major infrastructure improvements including replacing portions of the boardwalk, installing handicap ramps and beach comfort stations,



CE Suozzi with citizens of Long Beach at the incinerator demolition

refurbishing streetscapes, developing water and skate parks and helping fund a community center.

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Investing In Our Infrastructure

From the desk of —Deputy County Executive Patrick G. Duggan

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The past several months have been extraordinarily productive. The relocation of our office to 40 Main Street in the heart of the Village of Hempstead, the release of the RFP for a Housing Study, visioning to reshape our downtowns throughout Nassau County, transportation initiatives, downtown streetscape improvements and so much more. EDV staff took part in two seminars run by the National Development Council (NDC), to sharpen our skills to better leverage and manage our limited resources, and provide more affordable housing for the residents of Nassau County.

These training sessions, as well as the third and final session in January of 2008 will be invaluable in helping attract new businesses as well keep existing businesses here in Nassau County.

We closed on two of the New Cassel projects bringing more units of affordable and market rate housing and commercial/retail business to Nassau County. Through the combined efforts of this office, other county agencies and the City of Long Beach, we witnessed history as the infamous *Long Beach Incinerator*

was finally demolished. One of our very own EDV staffers, Linda King was instrumental along with other community residents in the closing of the incinerator. We also took a tour with the County Executive of the Martin Luther King Center, the Long Beach Boardwalk, Skate Park and Splash Park, to see our CDBG funds at work. We are looking forward to the fall and continuing to build on our momentum from these great and productive summer months.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

COMING IN DECEMBER

December 4, 2007, for a Community Supported Brownfields Redevelopment Conference. Details to follow.

BioPartners Emergent Worker Training Program From Vision to Reality

On August 17th, the second graduating class of the BioPartners Emergent Worker Training Program honored with a ceremony. "Due to the leadership of County Executive Tom Suozzi the BioPartners initiative has grown from vision to reality and is something we can all take pride in, especially today's graduates, the participants," stated Deputy County Executive Patrick Duggan. "We are securing Nassau County's future by creating jobs in the biotech sector and are grateful for the public/private partnership that has made this program possible."

The BioPartners Emergent Worker Training Program is implemented and overseen by the Nassau County Office of Economic Development, under the direction of Deputy County Executive Patrick Duggan and the Town of North Hempstead under the direction of the BioPartners' Chair, Supervisor Jon Kaiman. It was partially funded thru a grant from Congressman Gary Ackerman's Office.



DCE Duggan along with Terry Dukes and Charlene Thompson preside over the second commencement from the BioPartners Emergent Worker Training Program at Nassau Community College.

The program consists of six weeks of intensive training for entry level workers in the biotech, health care and life sciences industries, and is based at Nassau Community College. Student certifications include First Aid, CPR, Fire Safety and Lab Safety. The second class consists of 16 graduates ranging in age from 19-50.

Industry partners include North Shore-LIJ Core Labs, North Shore-LIJ Hospital

System, and Antech Diagnostics. They are dedicated to hiring and providing career opportunities for successful program graduates. Additional key partners in this initiative include Nassau County Department of Social Services, Workforce Partnership Workforce Investment Board, Hempstead Works, New York State Department of Labor and the Research Foundation of SUNY Farmingdale - the Long Island Education Opportunity Center.

Elmont and Glen Cove Visioning Projects



County Executive Suozzi and Glen Cove Mayor Ralph Suozzi talk to the residents of Glen Cove regarding the revitalization and rehabilitation of downtown Glen Cove

County Executive Tom Suozzi announced two major visioning plans that are designed to revitalize two key areas in Nassau County. The Elmont Visioning plan is to take place at the gateway to Nassau County, near Belmont Race Track. The Glen Cove Visioning plan focuses on the area around the Glen Street train station. Each visioning plan is using Saccardi and Schiff as the primary developers. Visioning is only the first step in what these plans hope to achieve; which is a brighter economic future for these areas of Nassau County.

The joint "Community Visioning Project" for Elmont is part of \$300,000 pledged to the town by Nassau County for Community Visioning Projects. The County and the Town of Hempstead will provide a \$40,000 grant for Elmont that will be used to help business districts develop their own plans, tailored to their communities' unique needs.

"Visioning" grants totaling \$98,000 are pledged to create a plan to revitalize Cedar Swamp Road, an important gateway into Glen Cove, and the adjacent Orchard neighborhood and Sea Cliff Avenue area. This area of Glen Cove is located within a designated Empire Zone. The grants - \$70,000 from the County and \$28,000 in matching funds from the City - will help establish an identity and sense of place in the heart of Glen Cove, while spurring economic development.

Nassau County Homeownership and Scattered Sites Workforce Housing Programs

Earlier this summer, the Nassau County Department of Housing and Homeless Services announced it is accepting applications to enter the homeownership lottery for affordable homes in the Town of Hempstead, Village of Hempstead and the City of Long Beach. Also available were applications for Nassau County Home Down Payment Assistance for \$15,000. Completed applications were due no later than September 15, 2007, as **Fair Housing Laws** applied.

Entrance into the lottery was limited to households who earn under 80% of the Nassau/Suffolk area median income based on household size. There is an asset limitation policy. A household must be able to qualify for a mortgage.

The Nassau Scattered Sites Workforce Housing Program will consist of (6) Single Family (3) Bedroom Colonial Homes for

ownership all located in the Town of Hempstead and the Village of Hempstead and (1) Two-Family, (3) Bedroom Home with Rental of (3) Bedroom located in the City of Long Beach.

The cooperative efforts of Nassau County, the Town of Hempstead, the Village of Hempstead and the City of Long Beach, US Dept. of HUD, and the Long Island Partnership, Inc. have enabled homes to be sold at the following prices:

Three Bedroom Colonial with 1.5 baths - 80%AMI \$194,441 (3 Homes available)

Three Bedroom Colonial with 1.5 baths - 80%AMI \$183,966 (2 Homes available)

Three Bedroom Colonial with 1.5 baths - 80%AMI \$172,909 (1 Home available)

Three Bedroom Colonial Two-Family with 1 bath - 80%AMI \$219,379 (1 Home available)

with (Rental of Three-Bedroom with 1 bath)



County Executive Suozzi and Supervisor Murray discuss the details of the Elmont Visioning Plan.

First Woman Minority Owned Business Qualified for Empire Zone

Cardoza Plumbing Corp., a Minority Business Enterprise, is a certified business that has been providing installation and furnishing of plumbing fixtures, piping and equipment since 1999. They are a Union Shop (Local 1), and have invested over \$1.2 million in renovation of their building and they have purchased \$350,000 in production machinery and equipment. Cardoza has also spent another \$175,000 in furniture. With the revenue growth anticipated, the business will be creating 55 new jobs over the next 5 years that

include the following positions and hourly wage/salary and benefits: Foreman (\$80.59/hr plus a profit bonus incentive plan); Plumber (\$76.59/hr); Helper (\$35.53/hr); Project Manager (\$145,000/year plus benefits plus profit bonus incentive plan); Drafter (\$85,000/year plus profit bonus incentive plan); and Office Staff (\$55,000/year plus profit bonus incentive plan). The company's office is located at 514 Grand Blvd Westbury, NY 11590.



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From the left going clockwise, County Executive Suozzi visits the City of Long Beach, where he helped to demolish the Long Beach incinerator. Earlier that day, he visited the City of Long Beach skate park, splash park and the Martin Luther King Center; all of which were either constructed or rehabilitated with CDBG funds.