



50TH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER

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Group FOR THE East End *50th Anniversary*

Protecting the nature
of the place you love



President's Letter



DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

On behalf of the board of directors, staff, and volunteers at the Group, thank you for helping to protect our land, water, and wildlife on the East End. I am so very grateful for your generosity and commitment to a sustainable future.

While our 50th anniversary provides the occasion to look back on a half-century of the Group's environmental victories, I am compelled to use this opportunity to sound an alarm about the unrelenting pressure the East End environment is facing right now.

Day after day, our drinking water, bays and harbors, wildlife habitats, and quality of life are being threatened. Every town on the East End is being confronted by proposals for massive development projects that in many cases, local officials are simply not equipped to handle.

Developers and consultants make plenty of promises, but are they in the long-term best interest of our communities? Every proposal requires an answer to that question.

For 50 years, the Group has been the leading watchdog for the East End environment, and we know that it takes constant vigilance to ensure that our local land-use rules are strictly enforced.

It is not hyperbolic to say that the final landscape of eastern Long Island will likely be determined over the next ten years. If we don't take an unprecedented collective stand now, that landscape could easily be dominated by big box stores, strip malls, polluted waters, garbage-strewn beaches, and, if you can imagine it, exponentially worse traffic jams.

One development approval here, another one there, and before you know it, most of what we love about the East End will be gone or changed forever.

With your generous support, we can save this stunningly beautiful place from the irreversible impacts of overdevelopment. Working with our partners, civic groups, and government, the Group will scrutinize the environmental impacts of development proposals, step up our outreach efforts so that every neighborhood is aware of what's at stake, and encourage people to speak up and speak out.

If there's anything I've learned in my 30 years with the Group, communities that are informed, mobilized, and have a love of place can bring about positive, meaningful change that enhances our quality of life and protects our vulnerable natural resources.

Working together, I know we will succeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob DeLuca". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bob DeLuca
President, Group for the East End



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What on Earth is SEQRA? *(pronounced SEE-CRA)*

THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

SEQRA is a New York State law that requires local governments to consider the environmental, social, and economic impacts of proposed development projects, new laws and regulations, and land-use policies or plans. Elected leaders, appointed boards, and the public review and develop alternatives to reduce a project's impact on the environment.

What projects are being proposed in your neighborhood?

Contact your local civic organization or the Group to find out! Your civic association will likely know what development projects, planning studies, and new laws are being proposed in your area and how they can affect you and the environment. The SEQRA process clearly defines your role as a concerned citizen and allows you to have a say in what happens in your community.



SEQRA Process



The SEQRA process calls for a coordinated, transparent, and comprehensive review of projects. It is one of the most important tools for ensuring full consideration of critical environmental issues with input from the public. Your participation as a resident and/or taxpayer is paramount for the law to work effectively.

EXAMPLE:

A town receives a proposal from a developer to construct a large vineyard along a highly-trafficked road that has wetlands on one side and a residential neighborhood on the other. Under SEQRA:

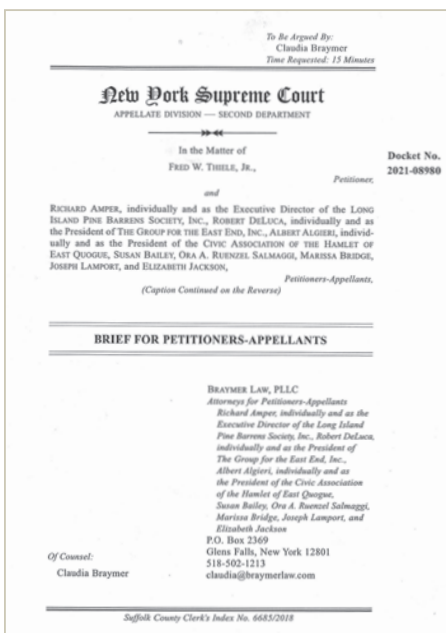
- The developer hires a consultant to conduct studies that examine the proposed vineyard's impact on traffic, water quality, wetlands, noise, lighting, and other relevant factors.
- The town may then choose to hire its own consultant to review those findings.
- If you use the highly-trafficked road, live near the proposed vineyard, or have knowledge about wetland systems, it is critically important that you, as a member of the public, explain in detail to the town (at a public hearing or in written correspondence) exactly how the project would impact you and your community.
- By speaking up, you can shape how the vineyard project would ultimately be designed and constructed, including the mitigation measures necessary to ensure the best possible outcome.

The Group Continues Fight Against Lewis Road Development Project in East Quogue

SOUTHAMPTON'S
DRINKING WATER
AT RISK



In late September, the Group mobilized to challenge the latest incarnation of the Lewis Road Proposed Residential Development (PRD) (formerly known as The Hills Planned Development District (PDD)), an expansive luxury golf resort proposed for 600 wooded acres in East Quogue. After nearly seven years of debate, the future of the project rests in the hands of the courts and the Southampton Town Planning Board.



“As a seasoned land-use professional, I find it nearly impossible to believe that the many mistakes and missteps made by Southampton Town in its review of this proposal, which curiously have served the developers’ interests, were solely a result of incompetence. Given that lack of transparency and the project’s impacts on the town’s vulnerable drinking water, pine barrens habitat, and its residents, the Group and its partners will demand the most stringent environmental review and challenge further irresponsible decisions in court, to the fullest extent that our resources can provide. Enough is enough!”

– Bob DeLuca, President, Group for the East End



Located in Southampton Town’s most sensitive drinking water protection area, the property is zoned for low-density residential use only.

After failing to convince the Southampton Town Board years ago that the zoning should be changed to accommodate the project, the developer proposed a nearly identical one, but broke it down into smaller segments to evade the comprehensive scrutiny that the actual project—in its entirety—would require.

As the Group’s legal case against this commercial, mixed land-use proposal

makes its way through the courts, the developers are rapidly moving to secure additional approval for 130 residential units, an 18-hole golf course, and a fullservice commercial facility with spa, fitness center, dining room for 100+ people, and numerous other amenities.

At the last public hearing before the Southampton Town Planning Board, Group president Bob DeLuca implored the members to “do your job” and protect the town’s drinking water and natural resources—a reminder of why the property is zoned the way it is in the first place. In his presentation, Bob outlined more

Save our Pine Barrens = Save our Water



The Water Beneath Your Feet

Look down. Not far below your feet is the water we drink on Long Island. Be careful what you spill because it will end up in your drinking water. The water that seeps through the soil in unspoiled pine barrens is pure and provides a safe supply for our use.

Chemicals such as insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and polluted runoffs from streets and parking lots can end up in our water supply.



Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission

than five years of substantive mistakes and failures by the town, all of which were avoidable but allowed the current project to proceed without the requisite environmental review. He explained that whether the planning board knew it or not, as part of its current subdivision review, it had somehow also granted preliminary approval for nearly 100,000 square feet of new commercial resort construction that is simply not allowed in a residential zone.

Bob further explained that the commercial aspect of the project was the basis for the change of zone application that failed before the town board. And even if the

commercial aspect of the proposal had been legitimately authorized by the planning board, under the Southampton Town Code, the approval has now expired, and **the proposal should immediately be subject to the comprehensive review that was required at the outset of the application, and never undertaken.**

Clean drinking water hangs in the balance... Years ago, the Town of Southampton rightly established aquifer protection areas for keeping our drinking water safe... Why are they not following their own rules?

The Group Joins Coalition to Stop the Wainscott Commercial Center

PROPOSAL WOULD THREATEN GROUNDWATER AND INCREASE ALREADY-CONGESTED TRAFFIC ON STRETCH OF MONTAUK HIGHWAY



BORINGS
BY EAST COAST GEOSERVICES, LLC
DATED OCT. 13, 2017

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The developer has submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement to the East Hampton Town Planning Board and is currently under review. Once the document is released for public comment, we will vigorously engage in this process and press for a conservation outcome that benefits the waters of Georgica Pond, the residents of Wainscott, and anyone who must endure the drive between Bridgehampton and East Hampton.

The Coalition to Stop the Wainscott Commercial Center is a group of organizations and concerned citizens including but not limited to Group for the East End; Defend H2O; Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation; Build In Kind; Perfect Earth Project; Surfrider Foundation: Eastern Long Island Chapter; Wainscott Heritage Project; Changehampton; and Wainscott United.

The Group has joined concerned citizens and community organizations to stop the Wainscott Commercial Center proposal, which would transform the former 70-acre Wainscott Sand and Gravel pit into a 50-lot commercial/industrial subdivision.

Given the **environmentally sensitive location of this site**, which lies just north of the headwaters to Georgica Pond and Montauk Highway, we are calling on the East Hampton Town Board to purchase the property for conservation and limited municipal purposes.

The looming threat of such an unprecedented proposal and its related impacts to groundwater

and traffic is deeply concerning from an environmental and public safety standpoint.

The Wainscott Commercial Center would:

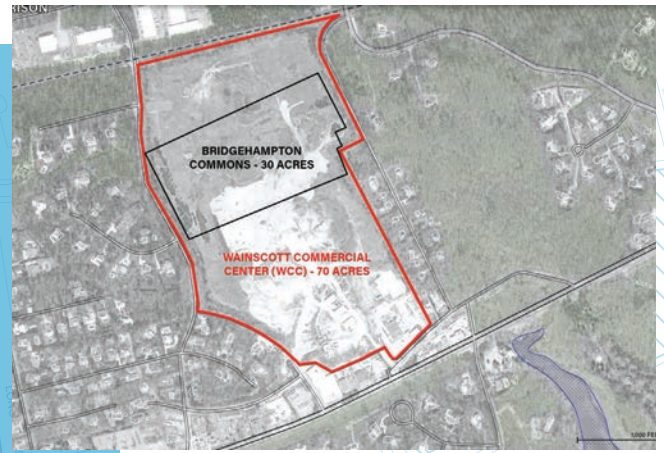
- be the largest commercial/industrial subdivision in the history of East Hampton;
- be more than double the size of the Bridgehampton Commons;
- be located next to a New York State-designated Special Ground Water Protection Area, within 600 feet of Georgica Pond; and
- increase traffic on a stretch of Montauk Highway that is already experiencing one of the highest rates of roadway congestion in the Town of East Hampton and on the entire South Fork.

"It's hard to think of a worse place to consider the construction of a major industrial park than the location of the proposed Wainscott Commercial Center.

Between the crushing traffic on Montauk Highway and sensitive groundwater resources that lie beneath the site, there is no scenario where this proposal can find harmony with the longstanding planning and environmental goals for the region.

It is time that we learn from our past mistakes and commit to a future based on something other than paving over every scrap of undeveloped land. We can and must do better."

– Bob DeLuca, President, Group for the East End



The proposed project in Wainscott would be more than double the size of the Bridgehampton Commons.

KEY MAP
1"=500'

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Please let the East Hampton Town Board know you are opposed to the Wainscott Commercial Center. Go to:

StopWainscottCommercialCenter.org

Coalition to STOP the Wainscott Commercial Center
P.O. Box 1512
East Hampton, NY 11937

KEY MAP
1"=500'

SITE DATA
SECTION 1
NO. OF LOTS: 31
AREA IN BUFFERS: 151,627 SQ. FT. ~ 3.48 ACRES
AREA IN ROADS: 214,810 SQ. FT. ~ 4.93 ACRES
AREA IN TOTAL: 366,437 SQ. FT. ~ 8.41 ACRES



| Early morning on Georgica Pond

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Photo: Robert Lorenz Photography

Group Rallies Support to Make Plum Island a National Monument



“I am grateful for Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski’s leadership and commitment to preserve Plum Island. He was successful in getting all 18 county legislators to sign a letter to President Biden, asking him to declare Plum Island a national monument.”

– Bob DeLuca, President, Group for the East End

Now that Plum Island is no longer for sale to the highest bidder, the Group and our partners in the Preserve Plum Island Coalition (PPIC), are pushing for the island’s permanent protection.

We conducted a letter-writing campaign, asking President Biden to proclaim Plum Island a National Monument for the purpose of ecological conservation, historical preservation, and the discovery and celebration of our shared cultural heritage.

A national monument status would put Plum Island closer to the conservation outcome we have been seeking for over a decade. Ideally, it would be owned by an agency in the Department of Interior, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Park Service.

The Group applauds everyone who sent letters or emails to the president, including our members, elected officials from the

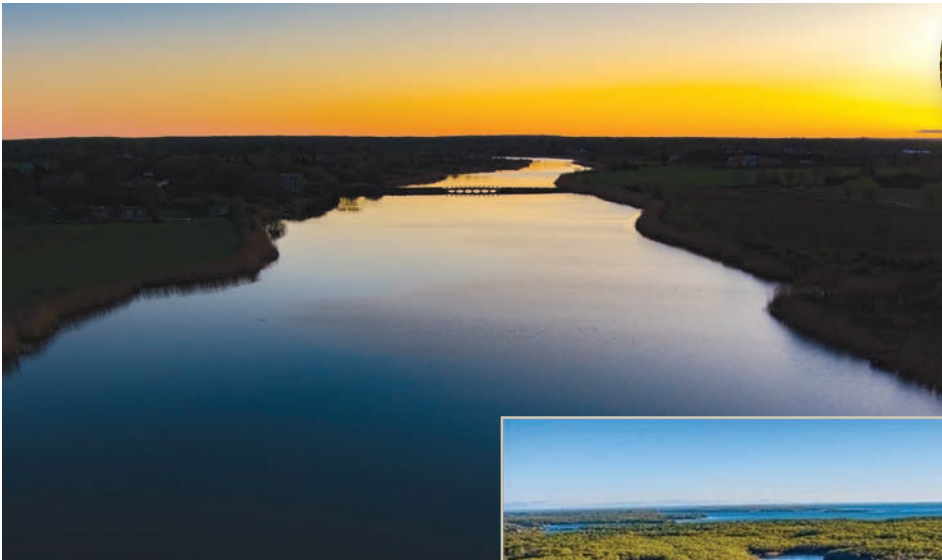
five East End towns, and the entire Suffolk County Legislature, led by Legislator Al Krupski. U.S. Senators Kristen Gillibrand, Charles Schumer, Richard Blumenfeld, and Chris Murphy, who toured Plum Island in August, are in favor of preservation.



Group Advocates for Alternative Cable Route at Long Pond Greenbelt

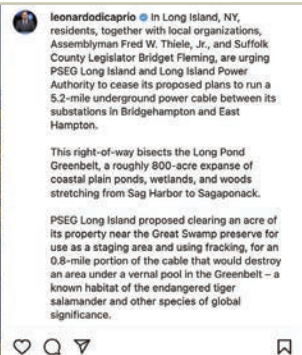


RARE WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT AT RISK



The Long Pond Greenbelt is home to countless plant and animal species. Below: Leonardo DiCaprio speaks up for the East End environment on Instagram.

The Group is advocating for an alternative route for a large underground electrical cable connection between PSEG LI's (our utility contractor) substations in Bridgehampton and East Hampton.



PSEG LI's current proposal calls for the cable to go directly through the Long Pond Greenbelt, a protected area with ecologically sensitive forest, field, and wetlands habitats stretching from Sag Harbor to Sagg Pond in Sagaponack. **The project would entail disturbance, drilling, and permanent cable installation near and directly beneath several perched coastal ponds that contain rare plant and animal species.**

Working with Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming, Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt, and The Nature Conservancy, we are pressing PSEG LI to select a cable route that stays within the existing highway corridor. Such an alternative route was identified in the

company's environmental impact statement but initially rejected due to higher costs and a longer overall route.

PSEG LI has indicated that they will hold off and seek additional input because of public opposition and concern about the

proposal. We are now focusing our efforts on the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), which is ultimately responsible for PSEG LI's contractual actions. **We are very grateful to all those in the local community who turned out in support of protecting the Long Pond Greenbelt.**

“Drilling directly beneath the Long Pond Greenbelt puts rare plants and wildlife at risk and may set a dangerous precedent for future projects.”

– Bob DeLuca, President, Group for the East End

East End Osprey Recovery in Full Swing



Photo: Adam Bundy



**THE GROUP FINDS
353 ACTIVE NESTS,
505 CHICKS**

Group assistant director of environmental education Anita Wright checks on a nest (always from a distance) at Shell Beach on Shelter Island.

Back to nesting in trees – a good sign!

As the population has increased, Group staff and volunteers have seen an increasing number of ospreys building their nests in large trees. For centuries, breeding pairs found natural nesting sites along our beaches, shoreline, and waterways, so it's great news to see them nesting in their original habitat again! When you think about osprey nests, manmade nesting platforms come to mind, but they were mostly installed over the last few decades as part of a successful conservation strategy to re-establish the nearly extinct population on the East End.

Identifying high-risk nesting sites

With the help of PSEG LI, Group staff scouted the entire East End for utility poles that are both attractive to ospreys as a potential nest site, but also pose a high risk of electrocution due to the configuration of utility lines. Over 200 poles were initially catalogued, with 60 poles identified as having the highest risk potential. Utilizing data obtained from our field survey, PSEG LI commenced the installation of nest deterrents on 47 of these poles. Work on the highest priority poles continues!

“The Group has played an integral role in osprey conservation efforts on the East End. We always look forward to the return of these iconic fish hawks in the spring.”

– Steve Biasetti, Director of Environmental Education, Group for the East End

Volunteers

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| Theresa Bradley | Bruce Horwith |
| Vicki Bustamante | Keith Klein |
| Margarette Doyle | Tyler Mansfield |
| Chris Gangemi | Jay Rand |
| Tom Graeb | Eileen Schwinn |
| Marisa Grittini | Eli Wolf |
| Mike Higgiston | Paula Wolfe |

How many ospreys did you see?

Here's what the Group found this summer:

Town	# Active Nests	# Fledglings
Riverhead	19	29
Southampton West of Canal	38	49
Southampton East of Canal	74	90
East Hampton*	49	84
Shelter Island*	37	60
Southold*	136	193
TOTAL	353	505

*Does not include Shelter Island's Mashomack Preserve, East Hampton's Gardiners Island, or Southold's Robins Island, Plum Island, or Fishers Island

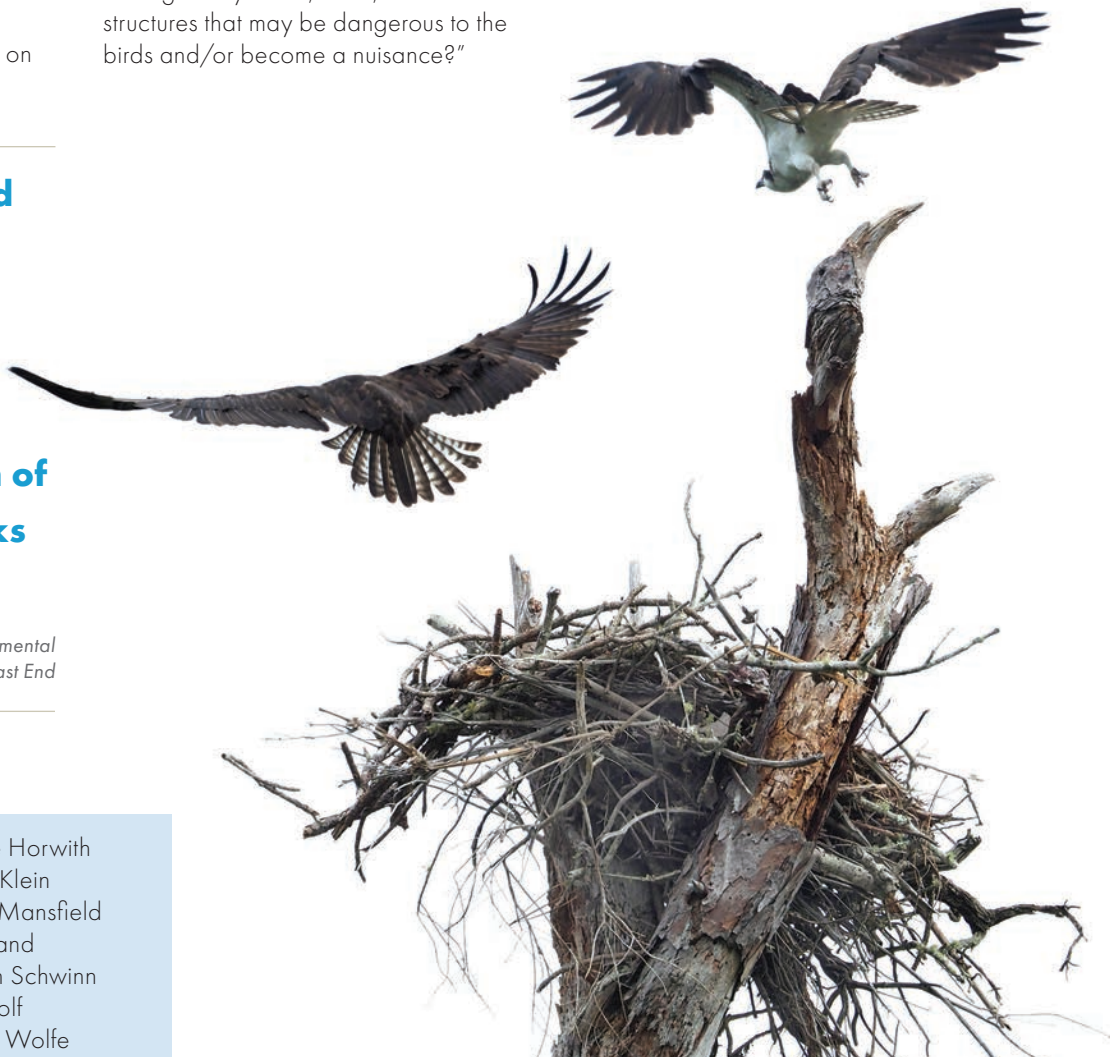
Osprey FAQ

We added a new osprey resource to our website! You'll find our new South Fork osprey cam, interactive osprey map, and answers to the most frequently asked questions we receive from residents, including:

Q: “How can I prevent ospreys from nesting on my home, dock, or other structures that may be dangerous to the birds and/or become a nuisance?”

A: Ospreys can be tenacious once they find a nest site they like. It can be extremely difficult to deter the birds from nesting in these locations, even if they are inconvenient or dangerous. The best strategy is to make the nesting site unattractive or difficult to build on. Find out how on our website!

GroupfortheEastEnd.org/osprey-faq



Bay to Sound Project Protects Open Space and Wildlife on the North Fork

THE GROUP CREATES TRAILS AND SIGNS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTHOLD TOWN



The North Fork is flush with wildlife, but development is creeping in. **Preserving and maintaining open space has become critically important for the survival of local river otters, bald eagles, ospreys, migratory shorebirds, songbirds, horseshoe crabs, and many other species.**

That's why the Group has been a proud partner with the Town of Southold on the long-term Bay to Sound project, which began in 2007. **The goal is to create a trail network linking Suffolk County land, Southold Town land, and Greenport Village preserves between Peconic Bay and Long Island Sound.** In 2022, we worked with the town to install four interpretive signs at Skipper Horton Park and Arshamomaque Preserve in Greenport.

“Thank you to our supporters and the volunteers who remove invasive plants, pick up trash, and install native plantings on the trails. We can always use more help on this exciting project!”

– Taralynn Reynolds, Outreach Director,
Group for the East End

The project is a win-win. It fosters ecotourism opportunities such as birdwatching and nature hikes, and community groups get involved by creating and maintaining trails. Over the years, the Group has been successful in recruiting numerous volunteers to maintain trails and pick up trash in the preserves.

There's still plenty of work to do, but the Bay to Sound project is worth it, for wildlife and the community.

Interested in Bay to Sound volunteer opportunities?

Fall and winter are especially good times to help. Contact Group outreach director Taralynn Reynolds at treyolds@eastendenvironment.org.



Environmentally-Conscious Businesses



NEW COLUMN!



Above: Ecologix uses solar energy to power its equipment. Left: Jamie and Shawn Droskoski want to create a sustainable future for their four boys.

BOB DELUCA SPEAKS WITH SHAWN DROSKOSKI OF ECOLOGIX, INC.

Bob: So, you're born and raised in Orient! What made you and your wife, Jamie, start Ecologix, the North Fork's first zero-emissions, organic landscaping business?

Shawn: Ecologix was born out of a desire to do our part in creating a better future for our children. Rather than dedicating our careers to a business that contributes to the problem, we want to do our part in fighting against it.

Bob: Tell me about the environmental benefits of Ecologix.

Shawn: Our goal is to break away from conventional landscaping and implement organic, sustainable practices that are beneficial to the environment. Our weekly maintenance services help people create a safe, organic, sustainable landscape. Whether a client's goal is to have a healthy green lawn free from chemicals or a property that requires less maintenance, Ecologix can help.

Bob: What type of maintenance equipment do you use?

Shawn: We are proud to use zero-emissions equipment and solar energy to power that equipment.

Bob: Many East End residents are concerned, understandably, about ticks and mosquitos. What services do you offer on that front?

Shawn: Our organic tick and mosquito control program utilizes ICT Organics products, which are composed of organic oils, plant extracts, and natural repellents, rather than toxic chemicals. I'm a licensed pesticide technician and can apply these specialized mixes to a client's property, paying special attention to the perimeter, taller grasses, and areas that might be breeding grounds. The products we use will not harm aquatic life and are safe to use around ponds and wetlands, which are prime breeding grounds for mosquitos.

"Without drastic carbon-eliminating changes across the globe, it is possible that our children, and surely our grandchildren, will endure extreme challenges resulting from global warming."

— Shawn Droskoski of Ecologix

Ecologix currently services properties from Cutchogue to Orient. For more information, visit ecologixinc.com.



Group works with Shelter Island Town on Wastewater Management

ATTENDS GREEN EXPO

At this year's Shelter Island Green Expo, Group membership director Kristina Lange joined representatives of other environmental organizations to provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions about pressing issues that ranged from homeowner septic improvement grants to climate change.

The Group is actively engaged in reviewing Shelter Island Town's plans for a wastewater management district and sewage treatment works, as well as a new irrigation system proposed at Gardiner's Bay Country Club. The future protection and sustainable management

of the island's limited and vulnerable water resources are critical issues for every Shelter Islander, and we value the opportunity to work with concerned individuals, organizations, and officials in addressing this enormous responsibility.

137 lbs of Trash Cleaned Up at Mattituck Beach

THE GROUP PARTNERS WITH ATLANTIC MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY FOR A JOB WELL DONE!



In celebration of Earth Day and the Group's 50th anniversary, more than 30 volunteers of all ages scoured Breakwater Beach to pick up 137 pounds of trash on a beautiful Saturday morning in April. Fishing line, soda cans, face masks, and lots of plastic items were just some of the garbage collected.

Thank you for caring for our beaches!

Students Embrace Nature and Science with the Group

OUR HIGHLY EXPERIENCED ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TEAM HAS BEEN INSPIRING CHILDREN FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS!

Your support makes our programs possible. Please donate at GroupfortheEastEnd.org **THANK YOU!**



► TERN turns 29 Teaching Environmental Responsibility Now

The Group's director of education, expert birder, and naturalist Steve Biasetti captivates students with the discovery of a salamander!

Steve spearheads TERN with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Springs School, the Group's longest running environmental education program.



► SEALS turns 24 Science Encompasses All Life and Systems

Even inside the classroom, Group educators are inspiring students to embrace science and the natural world. **SEALS celebrates 24 years of teaching 5th graders at John Marshall Elementary School.**

In this lesson, students learn about the taxonomic classification of local animals by sorting through a collection of mollusks (oysters and moon snails) and crustaceans (blue crabs and barnacles).



► OWLS turns 23 Outdoors While Learning Science

For 23 years, the Group has been bringing 6th graders from East Hampton Middle School on field trips to beaches, forests, and wetlands. OWLS is one of the Group's longest-running education programs where **students learn about ecology and conservation as they visit a variety of habitats on the East End.**

On a field lesson to Maidstone Park in Springs, students participate in an elaborate scavenger hunt, searching for animal tracks, crabs, beach plants, and much more!



This Class of Three-year-olds is Definitely FOR the Birds!

SHAPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATIONISTS



Group assistant director of education Anita Wright shared her knowledge of long-eared owls with a group of curious three-year-old students from the Playful Learning Studio (PLS), located in the Village of East Hampton. Anita's lessons were part of a PLS education unit dedicated to the study of birds and the woodland ecosystem. The unit culminated with students creating pieces of woodland-inspired artwork that were sold at a fundraising auction that brought in \$700.

Wow! Knowing that the children wanted to donate the money to an organization that helps protect animals and their habitats, the nice folks at the PLS sent the proceeds to the Group. Double wow!!

**Thank you,
Playful Learning Studio!**





The Group Partners with CAST

MAKING TIE-DYE THE NATURAL WAY

Who knew blueberries could be so much fun? Group outreach director Taralynn Reynolds and summer intern Kristen Bashen taught an enthusiastic group of children how to make tie-dye the natural way – with blueberries of course!

Since 1965, **CAST (Community Action Southold Town)** has been serving low-income individuals and families on the North Fork of Long Island. CAST helps struggling community members meet their basic needs in the areas of nutrition, clothing, energy, employment, and education.

We look forward to partnering with CAST in the future and connecting families with nature.



Girl Scouts Get Their Hands Dirty

Members of Girl Scout Troop 2125 have been helping Group staff with habitat restoration, maintenance of the pollinator garden, and removal of invasive plants at Downs Farm Preserve.

**Thank you, Troop 2125,
for helping to protect
the East End
environment!**



Attention Scout Leaders! If you're interested in working with us, please contact Group outreach director Taralynn Reynolds at treynolds@eastendenvironment.org





The Group's summer intern Kristen Bashen shows off a beehive frame filled with honeycomb.

The Power of Pollinators

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES

To educate people about bees and native pollinators and the essential role these species play in maintaining healthy ecosystems, the Group partnered with master beekeeper Chris Kelly, founder and owner of Promise Land Apiaries.

Program participants especially enjoyed harvesting their own honey at Downs Farm Preserve.



Reveling at Stars, Feet in the Sand



LOVE THE STARS?

Learn what you can do to protect our night sky at NorthForkDarkSky.org

THE NIGHT SKY COMES ALIVE WITH A GUIDED TOUR

Group for the East End and Custer Institute and Observatory led an event to explore and learn about the North Fork's dark skies on the beach at Sound View Greenport.

Using powerful telescopes, revelers caught a glimpse of nebulae, galaxies, and other deep sky objects visible this season in a guided tour of the night sky. In addition to learning about our universe, the Group taught participants about the amazing local wildlife we share our night skies with, and how we can help protect them. From owls to bats to moths, the night comes alive!

Join us for another extraordinary look at the stars in October, when we partner with the Custer Institute & Observatory and Sound View Greenport. For details, contact Group environmental associate Marina DeLuca at mdeluca@eastendenvironment.org.



Groupie Spotlight

▶ SUMMER INTERN KRISTEN BASHEN

Kristen Bashen started her internship at the Group after spending a semester in France. Willing and able to do just about anything, she was invaluable to the Group this summer.

Kristen led environmental education programs for children at Downs Farm Preserve, drafted public comment letters on environmental issues, attended town board meetings, installed native plants, removed invasive plant species, helped write grant proposals, developed social media content, and more! She approached each task with a positive attitude and a big smile.

Now starting her senior year at Syracuse University, Kristen has a double major in international relations and biology, and a minor in French and Francophone studies.

Merci, Kristen!
We miss you already!

L to R: Group environmental associate Marina DeLuca, summer intern Kristen Bashen, and outreach director Taralynn Reynolds take a break after removing invasive species at Downs Farm Preserve.



▶ ROBERT M. RUBIN HONORED AT 50TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT



On June 11, the Group celebrated its 50th anniversary at The Bridge, where Robert M. Rubin received the Osprey Award for Environmental Leadership. We are grateful for Mr. Rubin's efforts to protect the drinking water supply in and around Bridgehampton.





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- LAND, WATER, AND WILDLIFE
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- QUALITY OF LIFE



So much depends on the East End environment! Please make your donation today.

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Donate online at GroupfortheEastEnd.org. THANK YOU!



OUR MISSION:

Group for the East End protects and restores the environment of eastern Long Island through advocacy, education, and conservation. We fight for the protection of our land, water, and wildlife, we inspire children to become stewards of the environment, and we engage the community to embrace a conservation ethic and take action. The Group is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

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