

# DEMOCRATS DELIVER KEY SUCCESSES

## FINANCE

**BEFORE:** When Democrats earned control of Southampton Town government they found significant fiscal problems. They commissioned a forensic audit by FTI Consulting which found a capital budget deficit of \$20 million that only a better management team could fix.

**NOW:**

- Southampton Town now has the highest credit rating available from credit rating services, resulting in lower debt service obligations.
- Per Independent Audit by Nawrocki Smith LLP: the town enjoys, "a strong financial condition due to many years of sound fiscal management of town resources."

## LAND USE

**BEFORE:** Overdevelopment and misuse of town land required a new community approach to land use.

**NOW:**

- Under Democratic leadership and the successful implementation of the Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Law, the town has preserved thousands of acres of open space and park land.
- Democrats repealed Planned Development Districts (PDDs): Town development is no longer driven by the economic needs of the developer and now adheres more closely to the Town's Master Plan.
  - Supervisor Jay Schneiderman: "I believe the PDD law was fundamentally flawed."
  - Councilman John Bouvier, "Zoning is not for sale."
  - Councilwoman Julie Lofstad, "Community needs should be determined by people not developers."

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR OUR WORKFORCE AND SENIORS

**BEFORE:** Few opportunities existed for local residents to acquire affordable housing; many have no choice but to leave the area. (LI Index estimates that 71% of young people may leave the area in 5 years.)

**NOW:**

- New policies provide both home ownership and rental opportunities while managing density and preserving open space.
- Working hand-in-hand with community leaders brought the 37-unit Speonk Commons affordable housing project to fruition.
- Southampton Town was honored with Vision LI Award for Accessory Apartment Law. The new law, says Jay Schneiderman: "allows property owners to create affordable accessory apartments as of right."

## WATER QUALITY FOR OUR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY

**BEFORE:** Unaddressed nitrogen loading (nitrogen runoff stimulates possible toxic algal growth), pollutants and other contaminants have negatively impacted water quality in our area, creating fears of harmful impacts to drinking water, and damage to our local bays, wetlands and streams.

**NOW:**

- After voters approved the use of CPF funds for water quality, Southampton Town immediately began accepting applications for storm water, drainage, wastewater treatment and aquatic habitat restoration projects.
- Created the Water Quality Improvement Project Plan (WQIPP). Through this CPF funded program, Southampton residents within certain income brackets, are eligible for advanced septic replacement rebates up to \$20,000.
- Southampton encumbers approximately \$10,000,000 on a yearly basis for water quality improvement projects, including the septic systems rebate program.
- October 2018, Southampton approved \$3.5 million for water quality projects: \$2.3 million for Westhampton Beach, and additional funding for Mecox Bay, Shinnecock Bay, and Sag Harbor. June 2019, \$391,700 was awarded for Lake Agawam and Mill Pond clean up.



# THE SOUTHAMPTON TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

is proud to present its 2019

## TOWN AND COUNTY CANDIDATES



**John Bouvier**  
Town Council



**Jay Schneiderman**  
Town Supervisor



**Craig Catalanotto**  
Town Council



**Gordon Herr**  
Town Receiver of Taxes



**Bridget Fleming**  
County Legislature



**Andrea Schiavoni**  
County Family Court Judge



**Andrew Brosnan**  
Town Trustee



**Ann Welker**  
Town Trustee



**Bill Pell**  
Town Trustee



**On November 5  
Vote Row A - All the Way**

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## PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

**BEFORE:** Like other communities throughout the United States, Southampton Town suffers from the consequences of Opioid addiction. Spin-offs and secondary addictions to Fentanyl and Heroin are also ruining the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

**NOW:** In response, in July 2018, Southampton Town created the Opioid Addiction and Recovery Committee. The Opioid Addiction and Recovery Committee now works with the Town Board to help implement recommendations from the Opioid Task Force. Since implementation, the police now report fewer opioid related deaths. The improvements to the opioid crisis were a contributing factor in a 47% decrease in the Town's crime rate.

## INCLUSIVITY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**BEFORE:** Insufficient attention paid to the rich cultural, ethnic and racial diversity that exists in Southampton Town.

**NOW:**

- Recognizing the talent available from all population groups residing in Southampton Town, Southampton Democrats have enriched multiple town government departments and appointed boards by making appointments and hiring to reflect this diversity.
- Approves the efforts of the Affirmative Action Task Force to conduct civil service employment opportunities workshops and the Anti Bias Task Force to promote the rich cultures and diversity throughout Southampton Town.
- Established the Joint Shinnecock-Southampton Town Culturally Sensitive Properties Management Committee.
- Improved language access at town offices for those with limited English proficiency
- Added an Affirmative Action Officer to the Town's Human Resources Department to aide in the implementation of these initiatives

## RECREATION

**BEFORE:** Improving recreational facilities and adding recreational options was not a town priority.

**NOW:** Capital dollars spent and plans launched to improve recreational opportunities in Southampton Town.

- Southampton Town provided \$3.35M renovation of pavilion at Ponquogue Beach. The renovation began in November 2018. The entire 39 acres site has been transformed into a modern, eco-friendly facility utilizing sustainable products, including an increase in natural lighting through sky-lights and harvesting rain water for irrigation and restrooms.
- Built an amphitheatre and extended parking at Good Ground Park.
- 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations added
- Built a fishing pier at old Ponquogue Bridge.
- Reopened Hot Dog Beach.
- Established an Arts Committee.
- Improved trail systems and bicycle lanes.



## TRANSPORTATION

**BEFORE:** Inadequate transportation choices made commuting in Southampton an everyday nightmare, impacting worker productivity and business opportunity.

**NOW:** Aided by funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and with other local officials, including NYS Assemblyman Fred Thiele and Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming, the Southampton Town government helped establish the South Fork Commuter Connection (SFCC). The SFCC is a coordinated rail and bus system created to operate during peak commuting hours, in order to provide workers with a public transportation option. This service started March 4th, 2019. It will operate Monday through Friday year-round, except for major legal holidays and Fridays during the summer. The service offers local LIRR trips, stopping in Speonk, Westhampton, Hampton Bays, Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Amagansett, and Montauk. A shuttle service from transit points facilitates commutes to key destinations.

# PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

## DEMOCRATS DELIVER IN 2018-2019

- Adopted the Solid Waste Management Update Plan
- Helped initiate the South Fork Commuter Connection, which promotes further use of public transportation infrastructure during peak times (2 additional eastbound/westbound trains with connecting shuttles).
- As of 2019 the Town has acquired interests or rights of 425 parcels which encompass approximately 4,435.05 acres.
- The Town is participating in the New York State Climate Smart Communities (CSC) certification program to document the sustainability efforts made by the Town. As of the Spring of 2019, the Town secured 181 points and was recognized by the state and awarded the designation of Bronze.
- Passed legislation allowing the Town to pursue the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program.

## DEMOCRATS DELIVER IN 2017

- The Town completed transitioning all street lights (1778 street lights that consume 2,248,318 kwh per year) to LED lights in the fall of 2018; saving the Town, 1,066,977 kWh, and \$268,369.81 annually.

- Southampton has been aggressively pursuing a number of energy and sustainability initiatives for several years in efforts to meet one hundred percent (100%) of the community wide electricity consumption needs through renewable energy sources by the year 2025 and further the Town's objective to become carbon neutral by 2040.

## DEMOCRATS DELIVER IN 2016

- Town of Southampton implemented the Water Quality Improvement Protection Plan
- Southampton Coastal Resources & Water Protection Plan
- Fast track residential solar installation permitting, based on model ordinance developed in cooperation with Suffolk County Planning Commission, LIPA and 10 Suffolk County towns.
- Continue limiting use of fertilizer through wetland covenants
- Established the Tiana Bayside Marine Education Center in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension to promote aquaculture and estuary restoration practices
- Established the CPF Septic replacement rebate program to replace septic systems with I/A systems (WQIPP)
- Passed ground based solar array laws



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