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Governor-Elect Andrew Cuomo
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Re: Re-appropriation of Funding for Nissequogue River State Park - Kings Park, New York

Dear Governor-Elect Cuomo:

First let me extend my sincere congratulations to you on being elected as Governor of New York State. The voters have decisively entrusted their confidence in you to lead in addressing the fiscal and legislative challenges that lie ahead, and I look forward to working with you and your Administration in a spirit of cooperation on their behalf.

As you proceed with the transition process and prepare your Executive Budget, there is a matter of significant importance to both me and the people of Kings Park that I want to bring to your immediate attention. In 2006, my office was instrumental in transferring 365 acres of state property in the Kings Park area from the Office of Mental Health into the jurisdiction of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation as parkland.

Subsequent to that transfer, my office was equally influential in securing appropriations in the amount of \$25 million in 2006 and another \$4 million in 2008 towards the remediation and redevelopment of this property. That funding has been routinely re-appropriated over the past several years by both Governor Spitzer and Governor Paterson. Approximately \$3.6 million of that funding has already been allocated for a recently completed environmental engineering study of this property.

Of the remaining balance, I am respectfully asking that all such funding be re-appropriated as part of the Executive Recommended Budget for SFY 2011-12, which is critical to both the long and short-term planning for this designated parkland. In addition, I am asking that your Administration embrace this newly designated parkland by making a formal commitment to the redevelopment of this property exclusively for parkland and recreational purposes.

It is my hope that on behalf of the Kings Park community, we will hear a favorable response from your office on both requests. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter in further detail. In the meantime, best wishes to you for much happiness and success in the coming new year.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and attention to this important request.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John J. Flanagan'. Below the signature, the name 'John J. Flanagan' is printed in a standard font.

John J. Flanagan

