



NEW SUFFOLK WATERFRONT FUND

creating the future of our waterfront

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2010

FUNDRAISING: Progress and Prospects

2010 is the year it will all come together! Our Purchase Agreement with the Peconic Land Trust calls for the New Suffolk Waterfront Fund to complete the \$2.6 million purchase of the entire site by the end of this year. And, thanks to several major donations and broad grassroots support from over 350 of you we have already raised nearly half of this amount.

While this may appear to be a daunting challenge, be assured that our Board is just as energized and optimistic as all those who embarked on this project years ago. A carefully considered concept, which was developed with considerable community input, is now in place. This plan will provide potential donors with a clear sense of how the site will be used. Following are some of the ways we plan to raise the balance of the funds:

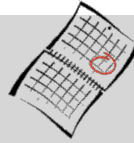
> **Continuing to reach out to potential donors.** A number of substantial donations have been made and we look forward to meeting with many more potential donors who have the will and the means to make the project successful.

> **Possible Federal and County grant funding.** We have made an application for over one million dollars from US Representative Tim Bishop, with corresponding applications to Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand. In addition, we are in discussions with County Legislator Ed Romaine's office.

> **Potential for open-space partners.** Conservation organizations and government agencies have made open space investments in many areas of the North Fork and several have expressed interest in our project. We continue to explore partial-purchase options with a range of potential partners.

Fundraising ultimately depends on grassroots support. We are grateful for the support expressed by New Suffolk and neighboring families and, as always, would welcome any and all input, ideas and contributions to help us reach our goal by the end of 2010. Please contact Barbara Butterworth at 566-0806. Or visit our website: newsuffolkwaterfrontfund.org

SAVE THE DATES



Saturday, May 29th (rain date, May 30th)
WATERFRONT WORK DAY and
CHOWDER FEST

10:00-12:00 Noon ~ Weeding, cleaning-up, planting with Group for the East End, and building picnic tables
12:00- 2:00 PM ~ Chowder Fest, BBQ, music, bonfire and marshmallows

Saturday, June 12th ~ 10 to 12 Noon
MARICULTURE TALK BY CORNELL
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

This talk, sponsored by Cornell, Peconic Land Trust and New Suffolk Waterfront Fund, will take place at the Galley Ho

Saturday, June 19th ~ 10 to 12 Noon
COMMUNITY WATERFRONT UPDATE

New Suffolk Civic Assn. Annual Meeting at the School. The NSWF will provide the latest information on the waterfront

Sunday, July 4th
PARADE

The NSCA annual Independence Day parade will end at the Waterfront

Tuesday, July 20th ~ 1 to 3 PM
WATERFRONT BEACH EXPLORATION
Explore with the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Sponsors: NYS DEC, PLT and NSWF

Saturday, August 14th ~ ALL DAY
2ND ANNUAL DAY IN NEW SUFFOLK
Events for the day a 5K walk/run, art show, wine tasting, music and food

MARINE HERITAGE District Update

As noted in the last newsletter, the New Suffolk Waterfront site is zoned Marine II (MII), which permits intense uses such as a privately owned marina or boat yard with accessory activities that are typical of marinas in Southold Town including boat racks, etc. Other examples of MII uses permitted by special exception include ferry terminals, transient hotels or motels, and fish processing plants. It is precisely these intense uses our community has fought against for more than 20 years. We strongly feel the existing zoning does not fit our goal of having diverse a range of impact uses, such as boat slips, a maritime museum, community and educational facilities, and small commercial ventures such as a snack bar or sailing school.

The New Suffolk Waterfront Fund has continued working with the Town of Southold to develop a zoning designation currently referred to as Marine Heritage District. This would allow for multiple, small/low impact uses currently prohibited or restricted while also preventing the kind of intense development that would change the character of New Suffolk's waterfront. One key component of this proposed district would be the requirement that property with this zoning designation provide broad public benefit. This will accomplish the community's desire to maintain the open space character of the site and allow for various public/community uses.

The draft legislation was the subject of a Code Committee meeting last December and is being revised by the Town Attorney and the Town Planner for review by the Town Board. We will inform the New Suffolk community at large when the public hearings are scheduled.

NEW SUFFOLK WATERFRONT MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve and protect New Suffolk's unique and historic waterfront in ways which respect the property's scenic beauty and maritime heritage.

To support recreational, educational and commercial activities on the site which enhance community life and are environmentally sustainable for both the uplands and the bay.

To assure public access opportunities now and for future generations.

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Waterfront
Community Meeting,
Saturday, May 8th,
10:00 am, at
the Galley Ho!

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SPRING IS NEAR AND WILDFLOWERS ARE COMING!

As part of our ongoing efforts to beautify the waterfront area, the NSWF will be planting wildflowers over most of the site early this spring..



NSWF Bulletin Board

For all the latest information on meetings, activities and events, check the bulletin board located on the fence at the entrance to the waterfront.

WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY YOGA AT THE WATERFRONT – 8:15 TO 9:30 AM BEGINNING IN JUNE (Date TBA) Experience yoga practice on the bay. Classes, with certified instructor Gary Osborne, will include relaxation, breathing and classical yoga stretches to help increase circulation and energize your mind, body and spirit. Participants are asked to bring their own mats and towels. Each class will cost \$15.00.

COOKOUTS ON THE BEACH ~ Beginning Friday, June 11th and going through Labor Day weekend, the NSWF will put out grills every Friday evening for families and friends who would like to get together for dinner on the beach. Bring your own charcoal and picnics to set out on the wooden tables we will be building on May 29th (or 30th) as part of our annual New Suffolk Waterfront Work Day.

COMMUNITY BIODYNAMIC GARDEN AT THE WATERFRONT ~ A biodynamic garden is a living entity and in a fragile, sensitive waterfront area. This type of garden restores balance to the environment using organic material inputs and the biodynamic calendar (Stella Natura), KK Haspel will be teaching us about these practices as we create the biodynamic garden on dates to be advised.

SUMMER WATERFRONT OYSTER GARDENING PROGRAM WITH SPAT (Southold Project in Aquaculture Training)
Learn how to grow oysters as part of an established East End oyster initiative administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program. All oyster gardeners will receive gear, training and 1000 baby oysters to help you on your way to becoming a proficient aqua-culturalist. A series of workshops led Cornell's Kim Tetrault, will include life history, culture techniques, culinary tips and maintenance of gardens. Space is limited! If interested, contact Linda Auriemma at: laurie656@aol.com