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Assemblywoman Eddington secures funding for the Davis House

CORAM – A few days after committing \$250,000 for the construction of the Mott House tribute structure in Gordon Heights, State Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington secured an additional \$250,000 to help rehabilitate the Davis House in Coram.

“The Davis House and Mott House are links to our past – and to who we are as a Town,” said Assemblywoman Eddington, who is running for Brookhaven Town Clerk. “The Davis House was once the seat of government in Brookhaven Town. The Mott House was a historic landmark for a historic community, Gordon Heights. Indeed, these structures should never have been allowed to fall into disrepair. And the tragic fate of Mott House shouldn’t befall any historic structure anywhere – especially in Brookhaven Town, where we so treasure our heritage and history.

“That is why I am committing \$250,000 to help renovate the Davis House – and another \$250,000 to build the Mott House tribute structure. Coram and Gordon Heights deserve community centers – and they deserve to have their historic sites preserved and honored.

“And, of course, committing this money means we are putting construction workers back to work at a time when construction jobs are so scarce. So not only are we preserving our heritage, we’re creating an economic stimulus for central Brookhaven.”

On Tuesday, Brookhaven Supervisor Mark Lesko passed an executive order to hire historic consultant Joel Snodgrass, who will oversee the restoration of the Davis House and other historic structures in Brookhaven Town.

“The people of Brookhaven deserve historic structures that are safe, preserved, and honored,” Supervisor Lesko said. “Thanks to leaders like Assemblywoman Eddington and experts like Joel Snodgrass, residents will have that peace of mind.”

Added Councilwoman Connie Kepert: “This grant from Assemblywoman Eddington gets us one step closer to revitalizing downtown Coram while helping us realize our goal of restoring the Davis House. The grant is a wonderful gift for Coram.”

John Leonard, Brookhaven’s Deputy Supervisor for Constituent Services since the spring, has been one of the biggest proponents of rehabilitating Davis House, which the Town had allowed to fall into disrepair.

“Restoring Davis House is the sort of project we should be focused on: It honors our heritage, creates new jobs, and revitalizes a community that wants to be revitalized,” Leonard said. “Davis House will not just be our connection to the past – it will help pave a path to our future.”

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