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**Lupski statement on funding to help the dredging of Mastic Beach**

MASTIC BEACH – Ron Lupski, who is running for Town Council, spoke at a press conference Wednesday with State Senator Brian X. Foley, Brookhaven Highway Superintendent John Rouse, and Bob DeBona, president of the Mastic Beach Property Owners Association, to announce \$50,000 in state funding to help dredge Mastic Beach:

“I want to commend State Senator Brian Foley for securing major funding to help the homeowners in Mastic Beach deal with the high cost of dredging. The money is needed to help remove spoils from storm drain runoff that flows into property owned by members of the Mastic Beach Property Owners Association.

“This type of community-government partnership is what we need more of in Brookhaven Town and Suffolk County. Senator Foley identified a problem – and worked with the Mastic Beach Property Owners Association to begin fixing it. The people of the Sixth Council District deserve a problem-solver as their representative. That’s why I’m running for Town Council.

“When Brookhaven Town and Suffolk County ignored the pollution clogging the Forge River, I stepped in to fill that leadership void. I founded nonprofit organization Save the Forge River, and worked with Congressman Tim Bishop to raise over \$11 million to clean area inlets and bays and to begin addressing the pollution in the Forge. When I am your next Town Councilman, I will continue working with Congressman Bishop, Senator Brian Foley, and Supervisor Mark Lesko – and all our community organizations to solve our problems before they become crises. That’s the type of leader we need – and that’s the type of leader I am.”

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