



TOWN OF SMITHTOWN

Press Release

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The Town of Smithtown is the recipient of two efficiency grant awards from New York State. The town received \$902,363 to continue its Regional Fuel Facility Consolidation project and \$288,750 toward its Regional Stormwater Management Initiative. These grants are part of the state's Local Government Efficiency Program which encourages projects that will achieve savings and improve municipal efficiency through shared services and consolidations.

The Regional Fuel Facility Consolidation project is to expand and update its fueling station in order to consolidate fueling operations among municipalities within the township. In addition to cost savings, the project will vastly improve the town's fueling needs in the event of large scale disasters such as a major hurricane. The upgraded facility will be used by the town's municipal partners including the Village of Nissequoque, the Village of the Branch and the Village of Head of the Harbor, as well as the Smithtown, St. James, Kings Park, Nesconset, Hauppauge and Commack Fire Districts. Smithtown's fueling station is centrally located at the town highway department. The new facility will have a larger capacity for fuel reserves, use backup generators and have a computerized monitoring system to protect the environment and control fuel inventory.

In August of this year, the Town Supervisor was authorized to submit the grant application and agreement for funding the Regional Stormwater Management Initiative through the NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Program. Funds received under this grant will enable the Town to implement its stormwater management program in partnership with the Villages of Nissequoque, Head of the Harbor and the Branch. The initiative includes the maintenance of stormwater catch basins throughout the town and the villages and the purchase of a vacuum truck that will be shared by all four municipalities. Proper maintenance of the basins will reduce the amount of contaminated sediment entering ground waters, Stony Brook Harbor and Millers Pond.

"These two grants move us in the right direction," said Town Supervisor, Patrick R. Vecchio. "It is projects like these that give the town, the villages and the fire districts an opportunity to modernize facilities, share and improve services while reducing the tax burden."

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