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Dear Friends,

Two years ago, Newsday interviewed Larry Swanson, Associate Dean of the Stony Brook University School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences about climate change and the impact on our village. Larry is one of our prominent residents and a former village trustee.

Our village had asked Larry to advise us about climate change. He told us the changes in ocean temperatures will lead to rising sea levels and increased storm activity. Also, the added rainfall will cause the acceleration of erosion that will drastically change conditions in Stony Brook Harbor.

During the past two years, here is how the village has responded. Under Highway Commissioner Judith C. Ogden, and village Highway team led by Mr. F. Prinzevalli and engineer Dan Falasco the following additional drains have been added to Village roads:

Eight new drains were installed on Fifty Acre Road, plus one additional overflow pool. One new drain was added to Moriches Road, plus one additional overflow pool. Three new drains were added to Pinoak Lane and three new overflow pools were added to Harbor Road.

On the drawing board for this spring are four new drains on Watercrest Court and two more for Moriches Road.

Our Highway Department teamed with the Smithtown Highway Department to haul excavated materials and to accelerate the cleaning of existing drains using a vacuum truck.

In doing all this work with our in house personnel and the Smithtown Highway Department, it has kept the cost to a reasonable level. In addition to the reduction of pollutants into our waterways, the added drainage has reduced the chance of icing on our roads during the winter.

Very truly yours,

Douglas A. Dahlgard

Mayor

Cc: Prof. Lawrence Swanson, Stony Brook University

Mr. Nicolas Spangler, Newsday

Chief John Valentine, Director of Public Safety, Town of Smithtown

Mr. Robert Murphy, Highway Superintendent, Town of Smithtown

Ms. Judith C. Ogden, Highway Commissioner, Village of Head of the Harbor

Mr. F. Prinzevalli, Labor Crew Leader, Village of Head of the Harbor