

The LIA and Newsday have wisely decided to cancel their tour of the KPPC grounds and to end discussions about developing the site for affordable housing. The Kings Park community has prevailed once again by preventing outsiders from forcing their self serving agenda onto our hamlet for their own personal financial gain.

The LIA claims to bring together business, government, education, chamber of commerce and civic organizations for the purpose of making Long Island a better place to live. Yet, they secretly decided to hold a meeting in our community to discuss developing affordable housing in the Nissequogue River State Park. It is unfathomable that they would even consider such a proposal and it is even more disturbing they would pursue their own business interests with total disregard for the community's desire to "Keep the Park" in Kings Park.

We are hopeful the Spitzer Administration will finally listen to the wishes of the majority of our residents who have repeatedly asked the state to remediate the property they polluted. Any development of the site should be consistent with parkland including an equestrian center, camp grounds, ball fields, cultural and recreational facilities, dog park, botanical garden, additional walking and bike paths and possibly a restaurant/catering facility. We look forward to working with State Parks Commissioner Carol Ash and our local state representatives to create an active and picturesque park all New Yorkers can be proud of today and for future generations to come.

Sincerely,

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