

## **KPCA Representatives Attend The San Remo Civic Association Meeting To Discuss Harrison's Pond And The Nissequogue River State Park Foundation**

**KPCA representatives attended the San Remo Civic's February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. KPCA Environmental Co-Chairpersons Steve Weber and Dorothy Chanin gave their report on Harrison's Pond with Mr. Weber showing video of the erosion and the debris that is clogging the waterway. There were many differences of opinion on whether or not the Town of Smithtown should rebuild the dam and restore the pond. Many San Remo residents want to bring the pond back to what it was like years ago when residents were able to ice skate after it froze. But others thought that the dam should not be re-built because a whole new ecosystem has formed since it broke and the pond washed away. Native grasses have since returned. Kings Park Civic Association President Mike Rosato suggested that the two civic associations agree on three issues at this point. They are: 1. Request for the town to remove the old dam since there is a large erosion problem from water flowing around it. The bridge on St. Johnland Road is in danger of collapsing in the near future if nothing is done.**

- 2. Request that the town clean out and maintain the storm drains in the area. 3. Request the town to clean out the debris in the creek as well as the catch basins that empty into it. Discussion on whether or not to restore the pond can follow after these three requests have been taken care of. San Remo Civic Association President, Lorna Paine agreed and put the three requests to a vote. San Remo Civic Association members approved the three requests.**

**KPCA President Mike Rosato and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sean Lehmann discussed the formation of the Nissequogue River State Park Foundation to the San Remo Civic Membership. It was explained that the Foundation would be a coalition of community groups that would oversee and participate in a plan to create a visionary and inspirational State Park on the grounds of the old Kings Park Psychiatric Center. Mike explained that the KP Chamber of Commerce and Kings Park Heritage Museum have already decided to join. He also explained that an advisory board would be created to include other groups in Kings Park. San Remo Civic Association members voted to join the Nissequogue River**

**Foundation and also voted to have their President, Lorna Paine be their representative. Another San Remo Civic representative would be voted on at a later date. The foundation now includes every “active” organization that represents the Kings Park community.**

**Both the KPCA and San Remo Civic Association have worked together in the past and we look forward to working together in the future.**