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William H. Rogers Building

725 Veterans Memorial Highway

Smithtown, NY 11787

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### Operating Budget Only

November 6, 2024

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via Email to:

[Guy.Calla@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:Guy.Calla@suffolkcountyny.gov)

### Upcoming General

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November 26—Hauppauge

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## *From the Desk of Ann Welker:*

## *Vote for Clean Water on November 5*

Dear LD2 Resident,

Whether you are voting now through Sunday, November 3 during early voting, or on Election Day, Flip the Ballot and vote YES for Clean Water on Proposition #2.

A vote of "Yes" for Proposition 2 on the back of the ballot this election season is supported by our local residents, the environmental community, the business community, and organized labor. It also has received bipartisan political support.

Please join your fellow East End residents in voting to preserve and protect our water quality. Upgrading septic systems and wastewater infrastructure aids in decreasing the amount of nitrogen entering our waterways which create or add to Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) that have enormous public health implications.

This year we have the opportunity to correct the course of water quality. A 1/8th of one cent tax on goods and services in Suffolk County would be dedicated to preserving our water quality, not only of our surface waters but also of our drinking water.

This tax would create a continuing funding stream for upgrades to Innovative / Alternative (I/A) septic systems to replace the over 350,000 antiquated septic systems in Suffolk County, but would also provide funding for wastewater treatment plants to be expanded or built, in locations where this was deemed appropriate.

Your support would be greatly appreciated for this critically important initiative.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Welker  
Suffolk County Legislator  
Second District

## *Early Voting Has Begun in New York*

Voters in New York have begun voting at early voting sites across the state. Early Voting started on Saturday, October 26th and it will continue until November 3rd. Election day is November 5th this year, for more information, see the links below.

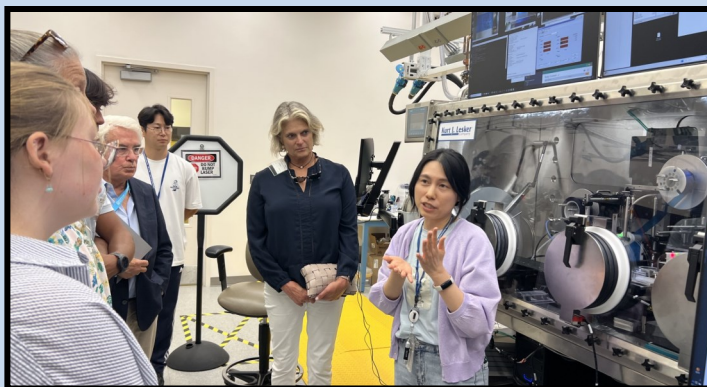
**Sample Ballot** ([East Hampton](#)) ([Southampton](#)) — [Full List of Early Voting Sites](#) — [Confirm Election Day Polling Site](#)

***Suffolk County voters can cast a ballot at any early voting site across the county.***

- [East Hampton Early Voting Site](#): **Windmill Village, 219 Accabonac Rd., East Hampton, NY 11937**
- [Southampton Early Voting Site](#): **Stony Brook Southampton Campus Main Gym, 70 Tuckahoe Road, Southampton, NY 11968.**
- [Westhampton Early Voting Site](#): **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 40 Main Street, Westhampton, NY 11978**
- [Riverhead Early Voting Site](#): **Riverhead Town Hall, 4 West Second St., Riverhead, NY 11901**

## *Legislator Welker Tours Brookhaven National Lab*

Legislator Welker and members of her team toured the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). BNL is one ten national laboratories managed by the United States Department of Energy Office of Science, and is located on the grounds of a former Army base, Camp Upton, where many New Yorkers were trained to fight in WWI and WWII. BNL celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2024.



Earlier this year, Governor Hochul announced \$100 million in funding from New York State, for the BNL Transformative Electron-Ion Collider Project (EIC), bringing the project's total federal and state investment to \$3 billion. A substantial investment for the construction of the world's only next-gen EIC.

Starting at the primary school level, there are research opportunities for students, hosting internships and programs such as the BNL Elementary Science Fair. Quogue Elementary School's Owen Stone finished in first place for this year's competition.

BNL strives to connect with the surrounding communities by offering educational programs at all levels of schooling, fostering networks to provide potential employment opportunities at this renowned laboratory. There are many internship programs at BNL, university students and recent graduates should find more information at:

[www.bnl.gov/education/](http://www.bnl.gov/education/).

## *#OptOutside on Black Friday — Beach Cleanup at Sagg Main Beach*

Legislator Welker's office, in conjunction with the Surfrider Foundation of Eastern Long Island and the South Fork Natural History Museum (SoFo), will be hosting a Beach Cleanup at Sagg Main Beach in Sagaponack on November 29. This Black Friday, residents will have the opportunity to #OptOutside by unplugging and getting to the beach to burn some calories from Thanksgiving, the day before!

Legislator Welker, Surfrider, and SoFo previously held a successful Beach Cleanup at Cedar Point County Park, volunteers gathered many pounds of trash, including harmful plastics.

