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ST. PAUL'S MAKES THE FINAL LIST FOR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS

On November 21, Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi announced the Environment Program Advisory Committee's recommended list of projects for funding under the 2006 Environmental Bond Act. The Committee to Save St. Paul's has heard that the St. Paul's nomination is one of five projects Countywide selected in the "brownfields" category. The project description includes removal of asbestos and lead paint from the St. Paul's building and demolition of Ellis Hall and performance of asbestos and lead paint remediation. The recommended grant is \$300,000. The Village has also been asked by the County to make contributing funds available.

This is especially good news to CSSP, since our Committee, on a tip from a supporter, brought the County's nominating process to the attention of the Village last February. While any individual, group or government entity could make a nomination, CSSP believed the nomination should come from the Village, the owner of the St. Paul's property. The Committee tapped our development partner, Paul Rabinovitch, with his knowledge of applying for grants and demonstrated success in securing grants while he served as Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy, Long Island Chapter. Working with our Administrative and Communications Director Maureen Traxler, Paul drafted the nomination and suggested the appropriate funding that would be needed.

The Village submitted the nomination almost verbatim, with a slight increase in the amount of funding requested.

During the months that followed, CSSP continued to advocate on behalf of the nomination. We met with Senator Kemp Hannon to alert him that the County has opened the nomination process. We met with County Legislator Vincent Muscarella, and we contacted and spoke to Tom Suozzi. In the meantime, Paul contacted and spoke to members of the County staff whom he knows through The Nature Conservancy.

According to County Executive Suozzi, the recommended projects list will be reviewed by the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission before it goes to the County Executive and the Legislature for final approval. The abatement and remediation are necessary first steps at St. Paul's, and we look forward to the Village's grant award.

DECEMBER 6 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

We encourage you to attend the upcoming Village Board of Trustees meeting, **Thursday, December 6, 8 p.m. at Village Hall**. With precious little information about St. Paul's coming to the public, this is an opportunity to ask questions of our Mayor and trustees.

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