



THE ST. PAUL'S SENTINEL

Honoring and preserving our community's heritage

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NASSAU COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUNDING

The Committee to Save St. Paul's applauds the Village for recently nominating St. Paul's for possible grant funding under the new \$100 million Nassau County Open Space, Clean Water Environmental Program. The Environmental Bond was approved by 77% of the voters in last November's election. (In 2004, the County had established a \$50 million bond that funded 55 projects.) The current program authorizes the County to fund projects in four areas: open space and parkland acquisition, parkland improvement, storm water quality improvement and brownfield remediation.

The Committee to Save St. Paul's and our development partner, Canus Corporation, believe that the nomination of St. Paul's is very appropriate, since these tax dollars will go toward funding Nassau County projects, and St. Paul's School fits into the County criteria. Together with our developer Paul Rabinovitch, who was formerly the executive director of The Nature Conservancy, Long Island Chapter, the Committee to Save St. Paul's outlined for the Village a draft of the nomination, and suggested the following projects:

Restoration of the clock tower

While the clock tower is an icon in the Village and one the most distinctive elements of the building, it is in very poor condition and the clock is no longer functional. We proposed utilizing the County funds to restore the tower and clock face. We believe this project will be welcomed and applauded by residents all over Nassau County as an appropriate, thoughtful and attractive way to allocate the bond proceeds.

Asbestos abatement in the basement of the St. Paul's Building and the "Ellis Hall" building

Ellis Hall, which was built in 1968, is not historic and demolishing the building would not only improve the historic appeal of the St. Paul's building, but also remove a potentially toxic building from a campus that is used by many children.

The Village submitted the nomination by the County deadline of March 15. The Committee to Save St. Paul's believes that applications for such grant funding can ease the financial burden on taxpayers and assist in accomplishing the goals of restoration and preservation of this historic structure. We will continue to urge Village officials to seriously consider appropriate funding for St. Paul's projects, and we wish the Village success in receiving these County funding.

**REMINDER: THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS APRIL 19 AT 8 P.M. AT VILLAGE HALL
MAYOR PETER BEE WAS INSTALLED ON APRIL 2.**

**Please consider writing letters to Garden City Mayor Gerard Lundquist and the Village Trustees,
as well as a Letter to the Editor of *The Garden City News*,
to express your views about St. Paul's.**

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