

# Village of Woodsburgh

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**LEE A. ISRAEL, MAYOR**

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Dear Residents,

We are pleased to share and confirm the recent news of a very historic development which creates a "coastal conservation district" on the property which includes the Woodmere Club. This re-zoning decision was a collaborative effort between Woodsburgh, Town of Hempstead, and Lawrence via an inter-municipal agreement. This agreement facilitated all three municipalities to work together and look at the big picture in a manner that protects the safety, health and welfare of our community while preserving the natural and historical resources. We also listened to the community and the input we received was invaluable in our collective decision making process.

The effort involved commissioning two separate independent engineering and environmental firms to perform a comprehensive study of the property and the surrounding areas and assess the potential impact of development. These extensive studies, performed over a year, by foremost experts in the field, Cameron Engineering & Associates and Nelson Pope and Voorhis, involved analysis of existing and future environmental, zoning and land use impacts, including traffic patterns, flooding and climate assessments, resource impacts and neighborhood impacts. Ultimately, both firms independently came to a similar conclusion and their mutual recommendations were for the creation this costal conservation district. Numerous public hearings were held over many months and we are pleased to report that each of the municipalities voted unanimously to adopt the plan as law.

In summary, the re-zoning creates 3 sub-districts and recognizes the unique environmental condition that affects the Woodmere Club property and the surrounding area, and provides measures to reduce and mitigate significant potential adverse impacts of development on the property. These districts include a clustered residential area, where residences may be developed, a clubhouse/hospitality district where the clubhouse, tennis courts and swimming pool are located currently, and an open space/recreation district that preserves as natural, 70% or 83.3 acres of the Woodmere Club Property. This district surrounds the entire property and provides expansive and continuous open space that is responsive to the potential adverse environmental impact and protects the beauty and character of our community.

Be assured that our main objective as a Board is to preserve the quality of life of the wonderful Village of Woodsburgh. It's the place each of us on the Board is proud to call home and we will vehemently protect our community to maintain its integrity, charm and resiliency.

Respectfully,

Lee A. Israel, Mayor  
on behalf of The Board of Trustees