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Salonga Wetland Advocates Network, Inc.

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Dear SWAN Park Supporter,

Thank you again for attending the opening of SWAN Park this past summer. I hope you enjoyed the day. Fifty people, representing eighteen Salonga Seas families, came together to celebrate nature and show community spirit. Clearly, Fresh Pond is valued in our community. With your ongoing participation, we can improve the health of this wetland habitat, enhance its scenic beauty and provide new opportunities for outdoor recreation in our community.

Toward those ends, I have some good news! SWAN has been awarded a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to hold a one-day event this June at SWAN Park, entitled "Long Island Sound Fresh Pond Festival." It will be a day of fun outdoor activities, environmental education and wetland celebration. This festival presents an opportunity for you to continue your support for SWAN. You can become a festival volunteer. We will need help with setup, activities and cleanup. You can also help by inviting your family and friends to come to the festival and learn how we all can be environmentally responsible residents of the Fresh Pond watershed. I will reach out soon with details.

Another way you can continue your support is to join the SWAN Park Committee, which will advise the board of directors on improvements, maintenance and activities in the park. You will receive an invitation soon to attend the first meeting of the committee and/or to provide your thoughts by email. The possibilities are endless and I look forward to your suggestions.

2019 was a good year for SWAN. In addition to opening SWAN Park, we participated for the second consecutive year in the Unified Water Study. Under this study, we provided Save The Sound with hundreds of readings of critical water quality parameters from the Nissequogue River from May to October. To learn about the Unified Water Study and Save The Sound please click on the following link: <https://www.ctenvironment.org/unified-water-study>.

I have more good news! Our friends at Save The Sound expressed their appreciation for our help by donating a 9-foot-long boat to SWAN. As a SWAN Park Supporter, you will be invited to use it for recreation on Fresh Pond starting in the Spring.

On a personal note, my family and I feel privileged to live in the Salonga Seas community and we are grateful to have neighbors like you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for supporting SWAN. We look forward to working with you to make 2020 another good year.

Sincerely,

Charlie Muller  
President