

February 16, 2010

Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy  
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RE: Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail

Dear Mr. Levy,

It has come to my attention that the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail project has been delayed again as lawyers between LIPA and Suffolk County argue over rights to LIPA expansion plans that could derail the project. I am very concerned because if there is much further delay federal funds for the project could be withdrawn.

I would greatly appreciate if you could work with LIPA to bridge these differences. It is time for Suffolk County to make good on a long promised commitment to its citizens and it is time LIPA acted as a good neighbor for the customers it serves and got beyond the appearance of self serving interests.

The Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail will improve the quality of life for thousands by providing for a safe cycling route for recreational, commuting, school and shopping trips that will increase property values and improve the health and well being of the citizens of Suffolk County.

I'd also like to request, the proposed Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail be named in honor of David Glass.

David Glass, a transportation planner for the New York State Department of Transportation and champion of non motorized transportation on Long Island, recently passed away after losing a seven year battle to cancer. Dave also was a resident of Miller Place, where his wife and three children still reside.

Dave was instrumental in developing the concept for the proposed Port Jefferson Wading River Trail that is located fully on LIPA ROW and is being proposed now by Suffolk County as a rail trail.

Dave worked with the Suffolk County Department of Planning and local civic groups in initiating this project. Dave was also influential in coordinating, advancing and approving a TEP application for the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail.

Dave worked with Congressman Tim Bishop's office to facilitate the transfer of funds from the National Scenic Byways Project from the inactive South Fork Bikeway to the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail project.

I would greatly appreciate if you would introduce a motion before the Suffolk County Legislature to name the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail – “the David R. Glass Memorial Bikeway”.

I hope you will be successful in resolving these remaining differences to get the agreement signed between LIPA and Suffolk County and to finally get this project off the ground.

I look forward to cycling the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail in a few short years which will be a major benefit to northern Brookhaven and surrounding communities.

Please give this request your fullest consideration.

Sincerely,

