



NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ROSE HARVEY
Commissioner

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

October 17, 2011

The Honorable John Flanagan
New York State Senate
Room 805 – LOB
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Flanagan:

I am pleased to report that in November the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will initiate the public bidding process to engage a private construction company to demolish up to 15 buildings and associated structures on the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center (KPPC) property. Thank you for your perseverance on this issue.

After bids are received, State Parks expects to complete selection of a construction firm and execute a formal demolition contract agreement by next March. Demolition work is expected to begin in May. Completion of the project, including site restoration after all buildings have been removed, will take more than one year.

State Parks has allocated up to \$15 million to undertake the demolition project, drawn from the \$25 million state budget appropriation you secured in 2006 for remediation of the KPPC property.

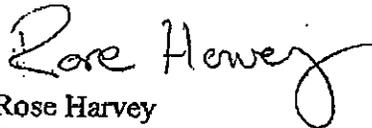
OPRHP will award the contract to the qualified bidder that submits the lowest price to demolish the greatest number of targeted buildings. The construction contractor must demonstrate that it is qualified to undertake a project of this scale, including compliance with all applicable public health, asbestos removal, and environmental standards.

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Ron Foley plans to convene a meeting in the next several weeks of the group of local officials, civic groups, and stakeholders involved in the KPPC property, to announce that the project is going forward and explain the details of the process. We welcome your participation/leadership in/on this announcement and will coordinate with you on the logistics of the meeting and brief you about our thoughts going forward.

I greatly appreciate your strong support for this first phase of cleanup work at the KPPC property and Nissequogue River State Park. This project would not have been possible had it not been for your leadership in securing the \$25 million funding allocation and your ongoing advocacy for the site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Harvey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rose Harvey
Commissioner