

May 16, 2016

Dear Neighbor,

Since our Dzus Community Forum on March 23, 2016, my staff and I have been in constant contact with representatives of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure that the remediation project remains on schedule and a top priority.

Due to the hard work and dedication of our many outstanding community groups, specifically the West Islip Residents for Environmental Safety (WIRES), a great deal of information has already been circulated. I would like to take this opportunity to confirm some of the information you might have heard or read:

- In the next few days, access letters for soil testing will be sent to all residents in the area of contamination along Willetts Creek, downstream, and around Lake Capri. I urge residents to return these forms as soon as possible so the sampling event can be scheduled.
- Sediment will be removed from the underlying culverts of the two footbridges located at the High School and Middle School which cross over Willetts Creek. This action should help minimize future flooding and reduce the likelihood that students are tracking sediment from the creek into their homes.
- In cooperation with the West Islip School District, the DEC will construct a fence located between the Ace Hardware Plaza and Beach Street Middle School to serve as a visible indicator of the boundary of the contaminated sediment areas.
- A backstop will also be installed on the northeast corner of the Middle School on the athletic field to prevent soccer and other balls from coming in contact with the contaminated areas.

I thank the West Islip community for your cooperation and will continue to provide updates as more information is announced. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at my district office at 631-665-2311.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Boyle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Phil Boyle
Member of the Senate