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EPCAL UPDATE

The Town of Riverhead, as part of the subdivision process for the EPCAL 8 Lot Subdivision, filed an application concerning a Wild Scenic Recreation Rivers (WSRR) permit to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). At their request, approximately one week ago, the Town filed a supplemental submission to enhance the DEC WSRR permit application. The information provided was directly related to environmental reviews concerning a bird study, mapping and other ancillary environmental inclusions.

The Town of Riverhead deferred release or publication of the supplemental filing, until receipt of confirmation was established from the DEC. Today, the DEC advised the Town of Riverhead they have in fact received the application and the DEC will commence on its thorough review. I note, the review should not be considered as an indicator the application has or will be approved. The DEC application process needs to take its course through their different environmental departments and we await their determination.

Given the state of affairs concerning COVID-19, we thank the DEC for responding to our supplemental submission and we look forward to a positive, productive and ongoing dialogue to ensure the preservation of 1,050 acres of land at EPCAL.

This office will make the supplemental filing available on the Town's website on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.