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Editor, The NEWS:

Some local politicians, surely pushed by developers, are all of a sudden calling for the town to get a piece of the Nissequogue River State Park to develop. I say Nissequogue River State Park because that is what it is: parkland. It is, should and will forever remain State parkland. That's what the community, County Executive Steve Levy, Senator John Flanagan and Congressman Tim Bishop all firmly stated in our community months ago.

What a horrible precedence it would set to take parkland away. Of course these politicians say that private development of the property will help with our tax bill. We all know that's a load of garbage. We sat down with Greg Hild, the Smithtown Tax Assessor, who in no uncertain terms said, short of massive over development, it is in the best interest of all of the people of Kings Park to keep it State parkland. Unfortunately, when you look who finances these peoples campaigns, you find developers. That's why we must remain vigilant in keeping this Parkland. John Flanagan, over a year ago, did a great job, and got us \$25 million to start clean up the State's mess. Just last week the State's own estimate for the clean-up of 153 acres was only \$7 million. Now please ask yourself this question: Why haven't they started cleaning it up? Is it incompetent government? Maybe, but the Kings Park Neighbors Association will be back at work pushing our politicians to get things done. Sad isn't it, they are paid to do this while we go to work. Remember it's an election year. They work for us and we are about to let them know it!

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