

Bank on it...

Editor, The NEWS:

In response to Mrs. Hessel's letter in last week's paper regarding the St. Johnland Swap, she writes, "the swap would be complicated for St. Johnland." I'm sure Mrs. Hessel and the rest of the community know that the director of St. Johnland makes over \$330,000 dollars a year.

Oh yeah, St. Johnland is a not for profit which means it pays no taxes, which means, Mrs. Hessel, your taxes are higher because of St Johnland. Does that make you mad? Well get ready for this. Did you know that St Johnland, the not for profit, has \$50,000,000 in the bank? Does that sound like profit to you? It does to me.

Senator Flanagan worked very hard to get the \$25 million in clean-up money for the property and we hope he is working just as hard to get the clean-up started. He has also stated that there is other money that could be found in order to purchase the St. Johnland property, which, by the way, would connect the two state parks.

Mrs. Hessel, you were right when you said it "would be a shame" to rip down the 50 pristine acres when 100 yards away is the Hospital property. This is not complicated, it's only complicated if you make it complicated. That's what they want to do. Yes, it

is easier to just tear down pristine woods and build, but why do we make it easy for developers? I can tell you why, generally, people like you. And I don't give money to politicians, but developers do.

By the way Mrs. Hessel, earning a salary of \$330,000 a year is not for doing easy things, it's for doing complicated things.

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Response...

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In response to Mrs. Hessel's letter in last weeks Smithtown News regarding the St. Johnland swap, the tremendous benefits to the community far outweigh any possible inconvenience to St. Johnland. and KPNA continues to be dedicated to and active in compelling the State to pay for the entire cleanup of the KPPC.

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