

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

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March 20, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of Coastal Steward's application for a *NOAA Coastal and Marine Restoration Project Grant* under funding made available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. If awarded this grant, Coastal Steward would be able to extend its Sponsor-A-Beach Program throughout the State of New York.

I strongly support Coastal Steward's mission of improving our region's beaches and waterways and know that its initiatives would greatly serve citizens and visitors state-wide if provided the resources to expand beyond Long Island. In the past I have work with Coastal Steward and its Executive Director David Johnson on beach cleanups and shellfish restoration projects and have watched his commitment to our treasured coastal resources transcended into action.

It has been my pleasure to work with Coastal Steward in the past and will be in the future as I lend my hand to new endeavors sponsored by this organization. It is my hope that you will find Coastal Steward's mission and experience worthy of your support.

Sincerely,

Vivian Viloría-Fisher  
Deputy Presiding Officer  
Suffolk County Legislator, Fifth District

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