



VOTE YES FOR CLEAN WATER

SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER QUALITY RESTORATION ACT

Suffolk County is sustained by the waters that surround us. We swim, fish, and boat in our bays and harbors and get our drinking water from the sole source aquifer beneath our feet. We're drawn to the island by its spectacular beaches, idyllic parks and preserves, and are nourished by local farms, vineyards, and fisheries. **But our way of life is at risk due to pollution in our water.**

Scientific research shows that nitrogen pollution from untreated sewage is suffocating our bays and harbors and is in our drinking water. The harmful effects of excess nitrogen are far reaching from beach closings, fish kills, and harmful algal blooms to possible linkages to cancer.

Restoring clean, healthy water requires drastically reducing nitrogen pollution from its main source – 380,000 nitrogen-polluting cesspools and septic systems.

On November 5, Suffolk County voters can secure a clean water future by voting YES on Ballot Proposition 2, the Suffolk County Water Quality Restoration Act. The Act would make wastewater infrastructure upgrades not only possible, but also affordable to residents and businesses.

The Water Quality Restoration Act would protect clean water by expanding sewers and providing tax-free grants to homeowners to replace polluting septic systems with clean water technology.

If approved by voters, the Act would create a dedicated fund, financed by an 1/8 of a penny increase to the county sales tax. The funding could only be used to improve water quality in Suffolk County.

This local fund will unlock federal and state clean water funding to help with projects right here in Suffolk County.

These clean water projects will create thousands of good jobs, revitalize business districts, increase property values, and restore our local bays and harbors.

The Suffolk County Water Quality Restoration Act will safeguard our way of life, improve public health, and protect the waters we depend on.

This general election, on November 5, please vote YES for clean water. Vote YES on Prop 2, the Suffolk County Water Quality Restoration Act.

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for Clean Water & Jobs

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Vote Yes for Clean Water and Jobs is a broad coalition of scientists, labor unions, conservationists, building trades, and business groups advocating for the passage of the Suffolk County Water Quality Restoration Act on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.

To learn more, visit: www.VoteYesProp2.com.