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HORSLEY TOUTS COUNTY'S ENERGY BENCHMARKING EFFORTS *Pilot Program for Energy Reduction in County Buildings is a Homerun*

Lindenhurst, N.Y. – Legislator Wayne R. Horsley, Chairman of the Economic Development, Higher Education and Energy Committee is excited to report that a pilot program aimed at reducing energy consumption in County owned buildings has moved to the next level, and is showing a dramatic reduction in the amount of electricity and natural gas being consumed by buildings currently targeted.

Energy benchmarking is strongly encouraged by the Department of Energy. The effort at Suffolk County facilities is being implemented by the M.C. Alliance and began with a building assessment, followed by optimization of existing energy systems, and currently employs web based monitoring systems attached to electric and natural gas meters. Monitoring utility meters gives us real-time data on our actual energy use and helps to better manage the operation of energy systems on a 24/7 basis.

“This effort is environmentally sound and saves taxpayer dollars. For that reason, we need to expand the process to every county owned building,” stated Horsley. He continued, “Furthermore, as Chairman of the Energy Committee, I will push to have this technology placed in every State, Federal and municipally owned building in Suffolk County. Once again, the Legislature is leading the way. We’re saving money, conserving energy and helping the environment, it’s a no brainer.”

“Simply put: Through conservation, the potential savings in energy costs are enormous. In the two years since the start of the pilot program, there has been a 30% reduction in electricity consumption at both the W.H. Rogers and H. Lee Dennison buildings in Hauppauge, and we are using nearly 38% less natural gas at the Dennison. At a time when government is looking to maximize services with minimal resources we can claim a small but effective and efficient victory.”

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