



AN EPCAL UPDATE . . .

As you may remember, there was an important meeting regarding one of the development proposals in support of protecting the Calverton Grasslands last Wednesday, September 17th at the Riverhead Town Hall.

It was a scoping hearing on the proposal for the eastern runway within EPCAL. A scoping hearing is an important step in the environmental review process, where the public gets a chance to speak up and recommend what possible concerns and issues should be looked at in the environmental review process.

A dozen speakers had the opportunity to speak up in support of this position, and highlight concerns that are most important to all of us.

There was a position presented by **The Coalition for Open Space at EPCAL**, recommending a variety of important issues and concerns to be included in the environmental impact statement (EIS).

A scoping document and map was presented to the Town of Riverhead on behalf of the Coalition. Since the developer ' s draft scope document was only received a week prior to this meeting, the Riverhead Town Board granted a 30-day extension to receive written comments no later than 4 p.m., October 17th to voice concerns on all possible issues the public believes should be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

As a member of **The Coalition for Open Space at EPCAL**, The NFEC will take advantage of this opportunity and submit a written statement to the Riverhead Town Board supporting the Coalition ' s comments.