



North Fork Environmental Council

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Wetlands Follow up:

The NFEC believes that Southold Town's precious wetlands are not as well protected as they could be - an issue which is of grave concern to us all.

A study early this year by our Land Use Committee revealed that the Wetlands Code needs repair. We identified twelve specific weaknesses in the current code that must be corrected. In an effort to be constructive, the NFEC brought its concerns to the Town Board and the LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan) Coordinating Council. We know that the council is appreciative of our research but we want to feel assured that the Town Board is working on the wetlands code problem.

Our recommendations are:

- Clarification of the Trustees responsibility and authority as delegated by the Town Board.
- Determination of effective jurisdictional distances and setback distances.
- Introduction of criteria for mitigation and more "black letter law" requiring less interpretation.

Some of the code weaknesses we found are astounding, particularly for those of us who have been supportive of the trustees over the years. We want you to be informed and feel the same

concern after looking into the matter. Our report is available here for review. See the [NFEC Alert](#) section on our Home page.

We hope you can join us in person to urge the Town Board to take action on this matter at an upcoming meeting.

Please call us or e-mail us and ask for more information if you have any questions or comments and would like to join us at the meeting.