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### **ANNUAL NFEC “CHILI NIGHT” FUNDRAISER FOCUSING ON LOCAL PEOPLE, RESTAURANTS AND ISSUES TAKES PLACE OCTOBER 25, 2008**

**North Fork Environmental Council uses social evening  
to promote awareness of local issues and acknowledge those people  
who have helped to preserve the North Fork and its way of life.**

**MATTITUCK, NY (October 3, 2008)** — The North Fork Environmental Council (NFEC) is pleased to announce the scheduling of its annual Chili Night fundraiser. Chili Night, to be held at Martha Clara Vineyards in Riverhead, NY on Saturday, October 25 from 7:00 to 11:00 PM, has proven to be both a popular and productive event.

Chili Night serves several important purposes. First, it helps to bring together people across all age groups and throughout all of the North Fork's hamlets to recognize the work of community members in raising awareness and addressing concerns about the critical, close-to-home environmental issues which we face.

“Yes, raising a good glass of wine or spicy spoonful of chili is enjoyable in and of itself,” says Rory MacNish, vice president of the NFEC, “but our main purpose in any event we sponsor is to raise community awareness around key environmental concerns, as well as to raise money needed to support our awareness and education efforts.” Mr. MacNish adds, “And being so well attended, Chili Night also allows us the chance to recognize the efforts of many of our fellow North Fork residents in front of friends, family and our local elected officials.”

The second important purpose of Chili Night is to show NFEC members' support for other North Fork businesses, organizations and conservation efforts. This year's attendees will be able to sample fare from local North Fork restaurants, enjoy a complimentary glass of Martha Clara wine and listen to the sweet sounds of the band "Sahara." Local restaurants will also compete for the title of Best Chili, Best Vegetarian Chili, Best Specialty Chili and The People's Choice awards.

This year, through the community's support of this event and the NFEC's mission, the NFEC is also able to contribute a percentage of the proceeds from Chili Night to the New Suffolk Waterfront Fund to support their efforts in preserving the 5.5 acres of waterfront property which is the former site of the North Fork Shipyard.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. For reservations to this always popular night, please contact the NFEC at (631) 298-8880 as early as possible.

#### Event Summary

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008

Time: 7:00 to 11:00 PM

Site: Martha Clara Vineyards, LLC

6025 Sound Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901

(631) 298-0075

[www.marthaclaravineyards.com](http://www.marthaclaravineyards.com)

Music: The band, "Sahara"

#### ABOUT THE NFEC

The NFEC is a grassroots organization dedicated to the preservation of land, sea, air and quality of life on Long Island's North Fork. Incorporated in 1972, the NFEC has a successful track record of over 35 years in raising public awareness of key environmental issues, increasing public participation in important town meetings and write-in campaigns, and continuing the fight to "Save What's Left."

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