

RE: Resolution #598

The Long Island Builders Institute, New York's Largest Residential Trade Organization, would like to express its support for Resolution #598, which amends the Town Code Chapter 217 to waive all of the building, plumbing, electrical and other permit fees for all residential properties that participate in the Suffolk County Septic Improvement Program.

Maintaining a high-quality water supply is in the interest of all those who work, live, and play on Long Island. It has been determined by the Suffolk County Health Department that in order to keep our waters healthy we must significantly reduce the amount of nitrogen that is currently polluting them. In order to do so, some residential structures will be required to upgrade and replace existing septic systems and cesspool. While deemed necessary, it cannot be ignored that these upgrades do impose an extra and inconvenient cost on homeowners. Waiving permit fees, as done by this legislation, will help relieve some of the financial burden of these systems and all municipalities across Long Island should be encouraged to follow by your example.

The Long Island Builders Institute strongly urges you to support this legislation.