

Suffolk County Legislature – 11/21/17

The Long Island Builders Institute is strongly in favor of Resolution 1852, a financial proposal put before you today regarding the Ronkonkoma Hub. We ask that the legislature votes in favor of this legislation, because without it there is the possibility that the process would have to start over, delaying the project by another year. Not only would this be an inconvenience to the developer, but to the people and businesses of Ronkonkoma who will surely benefit from the economic investment in the area.

At the company's own cost, TRITEC, has agreed to construct the pump station portion of the project. This is despite the fact that the project will only use 27% of its capacity. The county will only be responsible for the construction of the force main portion of the project, which TRITEC will be paying an additional 27% of. On top of this, TRITEC will also pay \$6 million in connection Fees over 5 years. This new proposal will greatly relieve the financial burden on the county as it will no longer be paying for the pump station.

While at this moment we are discussing the importance of accepting this proposal in regards to the Ronkonkoma Hub, it has been designed larger to accommodate the MacArthur Airport and the surrounding area. To put this in perspective, the Hub will only use 400,000 of the 1.5 million gallons the pump station can handle, and at the moment pay for its entire construction.

It is the opinion of the Long Island Builders Institute that this new financial proposal is a positive for Suffolk County and we urge you to accept this proposition.