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Suffolk County Supervisors Association Meeting

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Good morning Supervisors:

Long Island Waste and Materials Management is at a critical operation for government officials to provide safe and responsible services to residents in an efficient, sustainable and cost effective manner.

Stony Brook University, the Towns of Babylon, Brookhaven and Islip have been working with the NYSDEC on executing a \$250,000 grant to develop recommendations on a number of projected solid waste management issues including but not limited to:

- MSW/Ash Reduction, Recycling, and Disposal
- C&D Reduction, Recycling, and Disposal
- Transportation of Materials within and out of Long Island.

Research and engagement focusing on Climate Action Strategies, Disadvantaged Communities and Economics, Regulatory and legal elements will be included in each of these areas of focus.

In an effort to ascertain community understanding, current level of efforts, opinions and commitments moving forward our project working group has developed a questionnaire for the general public that we are hopeful will provide insight on more specific focus areas of the issues facing Long Island. We will respectfully request that each Long Island Municipality distributes and promotes community participation in the questionnaire so that we may get a significant response.



**General Public
Questionnaire**

Concurrent to the questionnaire, our team will also be working to:

- Develop flow charts for the movements of waste, ash and recyclables from origin to disposition or transfer off of Long Island.
- Identify industry leaders from the generation of waste, waste recycling & processing, and waste disposal community to review current and future operations and challenges.
- Work with municipalities to better understand municipal and private operations in their jurisdiction to develop understanding of efficiency of materials management flow in local jurisdiction.

We are asking the Supervisors of the Suffolk County Communities to support this effort and provide the enclosed questionnaire to your Waste/Materials Management staff as a follow up of your community process.

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