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### **Supervisor Jens-Smith to Hold Fall Clean-Up of Riverhead Train Station**

The revitalizing of the Riverhead Train Station continues this weekend, as community volunteers meet Saturday morning at 8:30 AM to plant, mulch, and beautify the transportation hub. This continued effort is thanks to the generous contributions of the MTA, Home Depot, civic associations, and neighbors who have joined forces to improve their Town. With new shrubs, bushes, and, over 800 bulbs donated, the train station will be bursting with color come spring.

The overhaul began earlier this summer when Riverhead Supervisor Laura Jens-Smith met with the MTA to lobby for changes, and held the first clean up. Dozens of volunteers converged at the train station to transform the area through planting, landscaping, and trash collection. The MTA also assisted by power washing the station, replacing frosted glass with transparent panels, installing security cameras, and adding bike racks.

Looking forward to Saturday's restoration, Jens-Smith praised the project saying, "It's inspiring to see people get together to improve their community with their neighbors. We're very pleased that the MTA recognized the need to make the Riverhead Train Station safer, more accessible and an asset to the surrounding area. It's one more step forward as we work to revitalize our downtown district. By encouraging visitors to take the train and use the Suffolk County Bus system these improvements will help alleviate the fall traffic and make Riverhead more accessible for everyone."

Further improvements for the LIRR Train Station and surrounding area will continue this winter, as Supervisor Jens-Smith plans continued revitalizing efforts.