

## Cordwood Path Stormwater Management Feasibility Study

First Public Outreach Meeting - April 29, 2021

### Zoom Meeting Chat Discussions During Meeting:

*Chat Host: Questions can be asked here and will be addressed either during or at the end of the discussion today.*

**Q1:** From Allyson Murray to Everyone: 07:31 PM

What are the known and suspected pollutants in the stormwater that is being discharged into the harbor?

*Response: Nitrogen and Phosphorus.*

**Q2:** From Joe to Everyone: 07:41 PM

how long will those check dams hold water for? could it create an issue with stagnant water and lead to mosquitos increases or does it drain through relatively quickly?

*Response: The Rock Checkdams and/or Rain Gardens are to hold water for no longer than 24 hours; based on the soil conditions, grades and intended use for Cordwood Path, it is not expected for the water to remain in place for longer than 6 hours. This will not be nearly long enough to create any issues with respect to stagnant water or mosquito growth. The fastest mosquito that can go from egg to adult is 3 days in water, the water from the storm events will evaporate or infiltrate into the groundwater to fast for mosquitos.*

**Q3:** From Gary Silverman to Everyone: 07:42 PM

That property being discussed where the fisherman are is private property...will discuss

*Response: This statement is with regards to the property down at the end of Cordwood Path and Harbor Road.*

**Q4:** From Judy Ogden to Everyone: 07:42 PM

Do the black dash lines demonstrate the boundary of the ROW (right of ways)?

*Response: The long dash followed by two short dashed lines do refer to the property line boundaries.*

**Q5:** From Kaylee Engellenner to Everyone: 07:42 PM

People launch small water craft--mostly kayaks-- from the shore

*Response: The statement led to a short discussion on the use of the Cordwood Park and access to the shoreline. During the discussion it was brought up for the report to make reference and recommendations for a formalized access for a Kayak Launch into Stony Brook Harbor.*



**Q6:** From Ron Rothman to Everyone: 07:43 PM  
Yes. Great spot for Kayaks.

*Response: See previous.*

**Q7:** From Joe to Everyone: 07:45 PM  
Awesome, thank you!

*Response: Thank you kindly!!*

**Q8:** From Paul Richman to Everyone: 07:46 PM  
Are the plants you're thinking about using Deer Resistant?

*Response: Although there is no true 'Deer Resistant Plants' the intention is to propose native plants to support the successful growth of vegetation, and to assist with drainage and decrease in nitrogen pollution through the plants. Within the future design proposals, the plants recommended will be specifically chosen with the surrounding wildlife in mind.*

**Q9:** From Judy Ogden to Everyone: 07:46 PM  
The road is narrow and heavily traveled by foot and bike. Has any thought been given to the potential of creating a footpath off road along swale side of the road. It appears that there might be room to work a foot path along a good portion of the road

*Response: The first point to make is that this feasibility study is a focused study on the Stormwater Management and Drainage Mitigation related to Cordwood Path and the surrounding tributary areas. That being said, the roadway, available right-of-way, use and access to the park at the terminus of the Cordwood Path are taken into account directly or indirectly. During future design, the road will have grading changes and profile revisions to assist with drainage mitigation and flow. The designs may also entail the widening of the road or available shoulder for both drainage mitigation and pedestrian access.*

**Q10:** From John White to Everyone: 07:47 PM  
So how bad is the current runoff?

*Response: Although the monitoring and sampling of runoff levels have not been tested, it is understood that the levels are poor which leads to the reason behind the feasibility study and report. With respect to direct discharge and runoff, the erosion at the terminus of Cordwood Path and the Park speak to the poor condition and eventual failure to the access to the Harbor.*

**Q11:** From Joe to Everyone: 07:47 PM  
is it true that the private property in question actually belongs to an association down by the park? my understanding is that it is owned by some of the local homes but I certainly could be mistaken



*Response: As answered by one of the audience members, it is in fact owned by a few of the adjacent properties and is listed as the Three Sisters Harbor Beach Association Inc.*

**Q12:** From Brian to Everyone: 07:48 PM

how much of the private property do you feel you would need to utilize?

*Response: The initial proposal for land use with respect to the area adjacent to Cordwood Park and the Three Sisters Harbor Beach Association was minimal and can be discuss with the appropriate parties at a later date; no set area has been established as of yet.*

**Q13:** From Jim's iPad (2) to Everyone: 07:50 PM

Is the park a town park? What is the capacity? Will you increase parking if you increase use? Will you increase the road width and provide for safer travel on the road itself?

*Response: The Park is publicly owned and maintained. The existing parcel limits are not being proposed to increase or decrease nor is the available parking. The intention and proposal is to provide better access to the harbor based on the residents requests and suggestions for current uses. With respect to the road, as described above, this is a stormwater feasibility study focused on drainage mitigation but does indirectly take into account the roadway, grading and possibility for widening within the available right-of-way under future projects.*

**Q14:** From Judy Ogden to Everyone: 07:52 PM

I have great concern for the phragmites, which is increasing in volume in Stony Brook harbor. Will you be planning to eradicate phragmites which is starting to encroach the beach area?

*Response: As some may be away, the phragmites is an invasive plant species that is very common for Long Island and is next to impossible to irradicate completely. Under the proposed mitigations and recommendations for native plant installation and invasion plant removal, the adjacent phrag will be recommended for removal and/or confinement utilizing practices to do as such during future designs.*

**Q15:** From John White to Everyone: 08:01 PM

Has the water quality of the harbor been measured?

*Response: Under this scope of work, the water quality has not been measured.*

**Q16:** From Tom Pira to Everyone: 08:02 PM

What is the anticipated timing to commence work and ETA for completion?

*Response: As state previously, this is a Feasibility Study which is the first step in creating a path for future design and construction mitigation. The point of the study is to pin point the existing conditions and issues, make recommendations and design proposals/concepts for the Town and/or Village to then utilize when requesting funding or acquiring grant opportunities for future design and construction. Although there are no set dates for this conceptual work to be fully designed and constructed, it is the*



*full intention of the Town and Villages to try and acquire funding to complete such work in the near future.*

**Q17:** From Gary Silverman to Everyone: 08:21 PM

Where can this recorded meeting be accessed?

*Response: Access to the Video Meeting can be downloaded from the project website at [CordwoodPathProject.com](http://CordwoodPathProject.com)*

*Chat Host: 08:25 PM*

*Thank you very much for all the hard work and information, looking forward to the future!*

*We are appreciative of the attendance and questions that have been asked. Please don't forget to visit [CordwoodPathProject.com](http://CordwoodPathProject.com)*

*Additional Questions and comments can be made to thru the website or to Judy White at [Judy@CJ2.com](mailto:Judy@CJ2.com).  
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