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RE: Plandome Heights Preserve designated "Stewardship Area"

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Long Island Sound Partnership has designated Manhasset Bay in Plandome Heights and the greater Manhasset area as one of 33 "Stewardship Areas" along the coast of the Long Island Sound. The Stewardship Areas "provide exceptional ecological and recreational value. Each have their own unique qualities that make them special."

The greater Manhasset Stewardship Area was once called the "shellfish garden of New York City" because of its large oyster and clam beds. Today, Manhasset Bay serves both commercial and recreational boaters and is a productive area for marine finfish. Mitchells Creek drains directly into the Bay and is the last remaining undeveloped wetland habitat. The shoreline of Manhasset Bay offers magnificent views of the landscape and wildlife. In Plandome Heights, public access to the Bay is primarily provided at the Plandome Heights Preserve on Bayview Circle, where the signage at left has been added to reflect this designation.



Over the past 20 years, working with the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee ("MBPC"), the Village has participated in efforts to rehabilitate the Bay such that significant shellfish activity has returned to the Bay. Annually our investment in this effort includes sweeping our streets and vacuum-cleaning our stormwater catch-basins (which drain to the Bay), participation with our neighboring municipalities in the activities of the MBPC

and periodic reports to the Department of Environmental Conservation by our Village Engineer and Stormwater Officer. Trustee Kristina Lobosco leads our efforts with the MBPC.

I hope you take the opportunity to visit our beautiful green space on the Bay. You can read more at Manhasset Bay - Long Island Sound Partnership.

As usual, your questions, comments and complaints are cheerfully accepted.

Sincerely,

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