



Phase II

# Littering and Floatables Program

Long Island South Shore Estuary Reserve Council Member "Preserve the Reserve"



Safely dispose of your cigarette butts and litter into an appropriate receptacle!  
Cigarette butts are litter too!

## The Town of Babylon Storm Drain System

To address the accumulation of stormwater on streets after it rains, storm drainage systems are constructed throughout the Town. Many older systems lead to tributary streams or directly to the Great South Bay. Litter dropped on roadways may enter the storm drain system and pollute our surface waters. Litter and floatable wastes directly impact the aesthetic value of our waters. *Be a good neighbor; protect our water resources by disposing of trash into its proper receptacle.*



## DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ Cigarette butts can leach chemicals such as cadmium, lead and arsenic within an hour of contact with surface waters.
- ◇ Chapter 146 of the Town code prohibits littering and imposes penalties for violators.
- ◇ Cigarette butts tend to accumulate in our waterways and beaches creating unsightly conditions.
- ◇ Just because you cannot see surface waters does not mean your litter won't pollute. Storm drains are connected to miles of underground pipes with many discharges to surface waters not located near the drainage system inlets.

## The Town of Babylon Tributaries

The Town of Babylon has eight tributaries that lead into the Great South Bay and are part of the South Shore Estuary Reserve system:

1. Amityville Creek
2. Wood's (Ketcham) Creek
3. Great Neck Creek
4. Strongs Creek
5. Neguntatogue Creek
6. Santapogue Creek
7. Carlls River
8. Sumpwams Creek



## How Can You Help?

- ◇ If you are a smoker, please dispose of your cigarette butts in an outdoor cigarette receptacle, pocket ashtray or automobile ashtray.
- ◇ Lead by example and throw out trash, like fast food containers, in receptacles. Treat the surrounding environment like you would treat your own property.
- ◇ Local organizations and schools can organize educational litter cleanup programs for students and residents of the Town of Babylon.

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