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Bridget Fleming Joins Peconic Baykeeper to Remove Trash from Tidal Wetlands

Fleming and Thirty-Two Others Remove Three Tons of Debris

East Quogue, NY (July 3, 2009) – This morning, Southampton Town Board candidate Bridget Fleming joined the Peconic Baykeeper and 32 other volunteers for two hours of marsh cleanup along the Shinnecock Bay in East Quogue. The morning started with an educational briefing from Baykeeper Kevin McAllister, followed by two hours of strenuous debris-removal. By early afternoon, the volunteers had cleared nearly three tons of debris from two square miles of publicly-owned tidal wetlands.

"It was a great opportunity to get out and do something to help the bays," said Fleming. "Long Island's natural beauty is such an integral part of our lives here, but it's easy to forget how much work goes into keeping the environment safe. In just two hours, we disposed of almost 6,000 pounds of garbage and debris. It was a sobering reminder of how far we have left to go, but it felt good to do some good."

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