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Levy proposes to maintain the County's Assessment Stabilization Reserve Fund (ASRF) at \$140 million for the next ten years and to allocate the annual surplus (estimated at \$40 million in 2012, and \$25-30 million thereafter) to sewer infrastructure improvements that will enhance economic development. Legislators Tom Cilmi, Tom Barraga, Tom Muratore and Lou D'Amaro have signed on as co-sponsors of the proposal.

Marc Herbst, executive director of the Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) spoke in support of the resolution during the Levy news conference. "Everybody is suffering during these tough economic times, but the heavy construction industry has been one of the hardest hit, pounded over the last few years with unemployment levels as high as 30-40%. If we want our economy to start growing, we need to throw our support behind resolutions like this one. We need to put the men and women of Long Island back to work, and establishing a definite funding stream for sewer construction and enhancement is a crucial step in that process."

## A conservative funding approach

Under the proposal, 62.5 percent of the surplus (an estimated \$25 million in 2012) will be used for pay-as-you-go sewer projects, to be determined by the County Legislature, as well as establishing an incentive fund for homeowners or builders seeking to utilize state-of-the-art nitrogen reduction septic systems. The remaining 37.5 percent will be allocated to the County's debt stabilization, pension stabilization or tax stabilization reserve funds to further bolster the County's strong economic standing.

Levy stressed that the capped balance of \$140 million in the ASRF is enough to ensure that homeowner sewer rates remain limited to no more than a 3 percent annual increase through 2030.

The County Executive was joined by Legislators Tom Cilmi, Tom Muratore and Steve Stern; Adrienne Esposito of Citizens Campaign for the Environment; David L. Calone of the Suffolk County Planning Commission; Jack Kulka of the Hauppauge Industrial Association; Kevin McDonald of Nature Conservancy; Michael White of the Long Island Regional Planning Council; and Ken Huber and Scott Adrian of the Operating Engineers Local 138 in support of the proposal.

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Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano, New York Islanders owner Charles Wang and Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate Murray were joined by business, community and labor leaders at a news conference that outlined plans to build a world-class sports-entertainment destination center in the heart of Nassau County, Mitchel Field, including a new sports arena and a minor league ballpark.

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“Redeveloping the Hub is critical to creating jobs in our County and stimulating the local economy,” said Mangano. “With the support of business and community leaders, I am advancing a County-wide public referendum that will allow residents to decide whether we should build a sports-entertainment destination at the site of Nassau Coliseum that retains our Islanders, constructs a minor league ballpark and creates thousands of jobs.”

Supervisor Kate Murray stated, “I commend County Executive Mangano for putting forth an agenda that gives residents a strong voice in the future of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum and the surrounding site. I am eager to work with the County Executive, Mr. Wang, State Senators Dean Skelos and Jack Martins as well as local residents to revitalize communities, create jobs and stimulate the economy.”

Residents will have the opportunity to have their voices heard by deciding the fate of this Economic Development and Job Creation Plan during a County-wide public referendum scheduled for August 1, 2011. Should residents approve the measure, construction is estimated to begin in 2012, so that the new sports arena can open no later than 2015.

The referendum essentially asks residents if they would like to partner with the County, the Islanders and a minor league ballpark by approving the financing for capital improvements to the Hub. In return, the Islanders will compensate residents by paying the County a share of each dollar generated at the new sports arena. Similarly, all contracts to operate County-owned facilities in the Hub will require operators to compensate the County. This revenue sharing payment requirement, coupled with sales tax generated from the new facilities, is expected to produce revenue that exceeds the financing required to construct the job, generating improvements and construction of a world-class sports-entertainment destination center.

New York State Senators Dean Skelos and Jack Martins, President and CEO of the Long Island Association (LIA) Kevin Law, Long Island Federation of Labor President John Durso, President of the Nassau-Suffolk Building Trades Jimmy Castellane and Hofstra University President Stuart Rabinowitz also expressed their support for this new development plan.

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Underscoring the importance of finding alternative funding methods for New York's vital infrastructure, New York State Senator and Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee Charles Fuschillo invited the Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) to testify at a public hearing advocating for the serious need for public-private partnerships.

The focus of the hearing revolved around how New York State can utilize public-private partnerships in order to expedite and better fund infrastructure projects throughout the state.

Speaking in support of the alternative funding method, LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst stated, “Without the political will to fund a five year capital plan, without the discipline to create a “lock box” where infrastructure dollars will be protected for exactly that purpose, and without the means to suspend the aging process on every road, on every bridge and every tunnel – we had better start looking at alternatives. Senator Fuschillo has begun that task by putting into motion a process that compels us to look at public-private financing of public works. It is an area that has been explored before, but not in

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our political lifetime has there been such a threat to our roads and bridges, and affirmative leadership is required if we are to protect the present and the future.”

The Albany public hearing was convened by the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Transportation.

To view Herbst’s full testimony [click here](#).

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LICA Chairman James Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc. is used to moving bulldozers, pay loaders and asphalt spreaders to job sites across Long Island, but never history.



Last week, Pratt’s crews donated their services to guide, prod and maneuver a 33-ton M4 Sherman tank from its home at the American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport onto a “low boy” tractor-trailer and haul it to Old Bethpage Village Restoration, where it operated during a World War II encampment featuring period equipment and re-enactors.

Pratt explained, “It met weight and dimensions limits, but it was still a daunting move because you know there is only one of them in this region and men died in similar tanks defending our freedoms. There was no room for mistakes.”

The Sherman belongs to the Kadish Museum of American Armor which sends armored cars, anti- weapons and other “heavy metal” to various public displays when they are not at the Airpower Museum. The armored column’s restorer/mechanic, Mark Renton , says every move of the tank involves a calculation of weights and measures along with an inspection of the massive engine that powers the vehicle.

“The ground shakes when you start the engine, and fire literally leaps out of the exhaust. There is no mistaking the operation of this vehicle from anything else currently in motion. You need to respect the Sherman every time you wake it up,” Renton explained.

Pratt, chairman of the Long Island Contractors’ Association, says they donated transportation services because it was an honor to be entrusted with the historic tank. “As if we needed to be reminded, the events in Pakistan this past month demonstrate the enormous debt we owe our military every day. This Sherman is one more symbol of the courage and valor found within our armed services.”

The tank was loaded on a flatbed outside the museum, then trucked north along Route 110, before heading west to Old Bethpage Village Restoration where it was carefully offloaded so that it could operate amidst the dusty backroads of another time and another place. Fellow drivers sharing the road got a chance to see Pratt Brothers at their best, proudly hauling history.



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Nothing beats a game of golf for networking and business development ... except a relaxing game of golf played among friends and colleagues who share a common interest.

That's why you should attend the Long Island Contractors' Association's 2011 Annual Golf Outing, to be held on Monday, July 18th at the beautiful Huntington Crescent Club (host) and the Huntington Country Club right here on Long Island.

Come join us as, together, we advance the goals of Long Island's highway and infrastructure professionals. Spend the day enjoying a challenging round of golf, fun skills competitions, a delicious dinner, and, of course, the camaraderie of those who support the Long Island Contractors' Association.

Sponsorships and donations are greatly appreciated as this is the only fundraiser for our association. LICA is a not-for-profit organization and we need your help to continue to serve you and our industry throughout the years to come.

**Click here** to view our golf brochure. July 1st is the deadline to RSVP, so be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible if you have a golf course preference. Please fax your reply to Assistant to Executive Director Josephine Magee at 631-231-4291 or email her at [jmagee@licanys.org](mailto:jmagee@licanys.org).



**Save the Date**  
**Monday, July 18, 2011**

## 2011 Annual Golf Outing

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LICA would like to invite our members to have their firm listed as a "Select Member" on our website. This section lists the select names of LICA members who have given us permission to include them on our website and also provides a brief profile description of the LICA member firm and a link to the firm's website.

Becoming a Select Member is free of charge and is meant to be an additional benefit to LICA members who wish to be featured on our site. Your company does not need to have a website to participate in the Select Members section.

To view the Select Member section, **click here**. To view an example of the type of company description we are looking for, simply click on one of the company names to view their write-up and logo.

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If interested, please provide Michelle Giametta, LICA's Manager of Communications, with a brief (no more than 150 word) description of your company, a link to your firm's website, and your company's logo via email at [mjgiametta@licanys.org](mailto:mjgiametta@licanys.org). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle directly at 631-231-LICA (5422).

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Contractors For Kids (CFK) is hosting "Friends of CFK Networking Night" on Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Babylon Carriage House, 21 Fire Island Ave., Babylon, 11702.

As a friend of CFK, you have a wonderful opportunity to share your experience with their growing organization and inspire other businesses to support their initiative. CFK invites you to extend this invitation to businesses that would like to hear more about Contractors For Kids, the more the merrier! CFK is changing lives every day on Long Island and is so thankful to have you as a part of it.

This event is free to all business friends, family friends and those that want to join our network. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [ContractorsForKids@yahoo.com](mailto:ContractorsForKids@yahoo.com) or call 631.617.5152.

Contractors for Kids is a not-for-profit corporation founded for the purpose of providing assistance to families in our communities. The goal of Contractors for Kids is to assist children and their families overcome obstacles that have unfortunately changed or have impacted their lives through sickness, injury or death. Whether it be arranging transportation or paying for a room to allow families to remain close during these tough times, CFK will be there.

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Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
5/5/11	Thermoplastic Refectorized Pavement Markings	Town Of Islip	<b>The Fenceman Inc.</b> Hi-Way Safety Systems Inc.	\$ <b>168,518</b> 175,942
5/10/11	Improvements @ Udall's Mill Pond	County of Nassau Office of Public Works	<b>Galvin Brothers, Inc.</b> <b>Newborn Construction, Inc.</b> Jay Cashman Inc.	\$ <b>5,936,750</b> <b>6,374,125</b> 6,905,546
5/12/11	Storm Water Drain & Road Improve Montgomery Street	Town Of Hempstead	<b>Richard W. Grim Inc.</b> <b>Allen Industries Inc.</b> <b>Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC</b>	\$ <b>1,321,065</b> <b>1,339,732</b> <b>1,374,540</b>
5/12/11	Bayville Center Streetscape	Village Of Bayville	<b>Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation</b> D F Stone Contracting <b>J Anthony Enterprises</b> <b>KPI/Kings Park Industries Inc.</b>	\$ <b>448,413</b> 569,569 <b>648,800</b> <b>657,821</b>
5/16/11	Rebid-Construction of Bethpage Skate Park	Town of Oyster Bay	<b>J. Barwick Landscape &amp; Site Developer</b> Biltwel General Contractor Corp. <b>Laser Industries Inc.</b> <b>Galvin Brothers, Inc.</b> Trident Construction <b>Scalamandre Organization</b>	\$ <b>829,000</b> 845,000 <b>1,098,000</b> <b>1,191,887</b> 1,285,707 <b>1,607,000</b>
5/16/11	Parking Lot & Drainage Reconstruction @ Fire Headquarters	Albertson Hook & Ladder Fire Co. #1	D F Stone Contracting <b>Bimasco Inc</b> John McGowan & Son <b>Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation</b> <b>J. Barwick</b> <b>Posillico Civil Inc.</b> <b>Watral Brothers Inc.</b> Total Construction Corp. <b>Araz Industries</b> Fasco Asphalt Paving Metro Group of LI Inc. Parkline Asphalt Maintenance Lo Sardo General Contracting	\$ <b>132,400</b> <b>154,000</b> 158,000 <b>167,595</b> <b>175,200</b> <b>183,500</b> <b>187,881</b> 198,000 <b>203,600</b> 206,500 213,409 299,900 997,670
5/18/11	Parking Field #12 Resurfacing & Improvements	Incorporated Village Of Garden City	<b>J Anthony Enterprises</b> John McGowan & Son D F Stone Contracting <b>Pratt Brothers Inc.</b> Carlo Lizza & Sons Paving <b>Posillico Civil Inc.</b> Valente Contracting <b>Newborn Construction, Inc.</b>	\$ <b>633,900</b> 643,825 669,120 <b>747,474</b> 762,885 <b>796,262</b> 822,060 <b>825,134</b>
5/18/11	Athletic Field Maintenance & Development	Town Of Brookhaven	Landtek Group Inc. <b>Laser Industries Inc.</b>	\$ <b>2,557,947</b> <b>4,199,752</b>
5/19/11	Road Improvements - Mark Drive, Reed Drive & Shaw Drive	Town Of Hempstead	Valente Contracting <b>Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC</b> <b>Newborn Construction, Inc.</b>	\$ <b>1,053,079</b> <b>1,059,895</b> <b>1,065,234</b>
5/19/11	Road Improv Work - Elmont, Franklin Square & Lakeview	Town Of Hempstead	<b>Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC</b> <b>Richard W. Grim Inc.</b> <b>Pioneer Landscaping &amp; Asphalt Paving Inc.</b>	\$ <b>1,999,516</b> <b>2,035,991</b> <b>2,180,877</b>
5/19/11	Stormwater Remediation Improv @ Meschutt Cty Park	County of Suffolk, Dept. of Public Works	Rosemar Construction CAC Contracting Corp. <b>Bimasco Inc</b> <b>Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC</b> Norman Kurrass Contractor Inc.	\$ <b>698,333</b> 751,620 <b>817,229</b> <b>849,810</b> 989,674
5/19/11	HOV Access Improvements on I-495, Exit 37 to 38	New York State Department Of Transportation	<b>Village Dock Inc.</b> <b>Newborn Construction, Inc.</b> <b>United Fence &amp; Guard Rail</b> ALAC Contracting Corp. DCA Construction	\$ <b>2,320,491</b> <b>2,358,467</b> <b>2,668,838</b> 3,210,210 3,728,169