

**Al Krupski (D)**

Suffolk County Legislator - 1st District  
Incumbent (Elected in 2013)

Leadership/Committee Membership:

- Public Works, Transportation & Energy Committee - Chair
- Environment, Planning & Agriculture Committee - Vice-Chair
- Budget & Finance Committee - Member

Professional Background/Education:

- Over 28 years of experience in public office
- Elected to the Southold Town Board of Trustees in 1985 serving for 20 years, the last 14 of which as Trustee President
- Former Southold Town Board Member & Deputy Supervisor - 7 years
- Bachelor Degree in Plant Sciences from the University of Delaware

**Personal and Professional Initiatives:**

- In response to Question 1, which asks the candidate to share their *accomplishments* or *experiences* that indicate their commitment to advancing a pro-environment agenda, candidate responded:
  - o “Helped write and pass a comprehensive wetland code, (2004-5) Helped write and pass town wide drainage code. Worked with TOS planning and town board to pass zoning on Plum Island changing the way the world views its future.”
  - o “4th generation farmer, worked with my mother, father, grandparents, wife and children on the family farm. For decades followed the changing scientific world, relating to plant nutrition, plant protection and soil health. Focused successfully on reducing both inputs and improving soil health and tilth.”

**Questionnaire Highlights:**

Supports all of the initiatives of the NYLCV, with the following additions:

- In response to Question 2, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to *Sustainable & Transit-Oriented Development*, the candidate responded:
  - o “As chair of the DPW, Energy and Transportation committee, I have worked with riders, bus companies, and government to improve the bus system to encourage ridership. Still a struggle as the bus system is fiscally unsustainable. Support county funding for transit oriented development.”
- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to *Public Health*, the candidate responded:
  - o “Working with S.C. Vector control, towns and PEP on wetland restoration projects to not only restore habitat but reduce chemical treatment for mosquito control.”
  - o “Worked for years to wrest control of nuisance wildlife species populations that impair our health by vectoring ticks, and loading pathogens directly into our water

bodies.”

- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Open Space Preservation***, the candidate responded:
  - “Helped develop a “buy open space now, develop stewardship policies later” policy, that focuses on the voluntary nature of land preservation, having the financial resources available at the ready, prioritizing location purchases for continuity, habitat, water access storm resiliency and ground water recharge.”
  - “Parcels also need to be used for public recreation, to allow people an option from our busy roads.”
- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Energy***, the candidate responded:
  - “I don’t support infrastructure for fossil fuel transport or consumption, as these investments doom us to continue their use. Currently working on a map to highlight best locations for renewable energy production, based on current land use, current energy use and transmission infrastructure.”
  - “Included renewable energy production on Plum Island. Zoning.”
- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Sustainable Public Asset Management***, the candidate responded:
  - “Supportive of proper maintenance of county buildings. Safety and energy efficiency must be a priority. Buildings without use should be removed and not replaced.”
- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Waste***, the candidate responded:
  - “Supported the local bans on plastic bags, polystyrene, etc. As a society we need to generate less waste.”
  - We need a regional approach to waste disposal, based on user fees to incentivize waste reduction in the home and business.
- In response to Question 8, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Water Quality and Aquifer Protection***, the candidate responded:
  - “The easiest way to protect the aquifer and surface water quality is preserved open space and farmland.”
  - “Worked for years on committees to develop article 19 of the S.C. health code, to test and approve the use of I/A waste water treatment systems. I insisted on bringing in local towns into the process, to make for a better work product.”
  - “Working with county health dept, planning and local towns on re-writing Art.5 and 6 of the health codes, on the need to upgrade all wastewater disposal systems in the county. We need to start by controlling what we put down the drain, as it all ends up in our drinking water.”
  - “Have worked on LICAP subcommittee on water conservation, and been part of the DEC discussion on water reuse.”

- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Natural Resource Protection***, the candidate responded:
  - “Road run-off is a problem that I have been active in fixing for decades, as the impairments of nutrients, pathogens and sediment cannot be allowed to mainstream directly in surface waters. Recharging the aquifer is necessary to maintain our aquifer levels. This approach is simple, effective and expensive.”
  - “New development and redevelopment must have appropriate buffers to natural areas and productive farmland.”
  - “The overpopulation of white tailed deer make open space management a challenge. The overbrowsing has caused the understory to turn into what is described as an “ecological slum”, destroying bird nesting and feeding habitat, increasing soil erosion and eliminating recruitment of native trees. NYS has failed to manage this species as a pest, resulting in the long term degradation of preserved land, the proliferation of tick borne illness and frequent deer/vehicle strikes. NYS needs to cede population control to local municipalities if they continue to fail to act.”
  
- In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Farms and Local Food***, the candidate responded:
  - “First we need to take farmland preservation seriously, as there is still a lot of unprotected well drained fertile farmland in S.C. With our climate and soils, we can produce a wide variety of food. If the land we preserve today is in non-food production, we need to remember that if preserved, it might be needed for food production in the future.”
  - “On farm composting should be encouraged, as it is a local process to convert yard waste, with minimal trucking, and improve the organic matter content of the soils. This helps retain water, manage nutrients and supports the soils microbiology. Current NYS regulations restricting composting will discourage farmers from this beneficial practice.”
  - “Canada geese destroy the cover crops that we plant in the fall to protect the soil, resulting in soil erosion all winter. Today solutions for goose control is in the hands of NYS elected officials, who are reluctant to rely on science. A longer harvest season and larger bag limit would cost nothing, and go a long way to protect our soils and water quality.”