



Bridget Fleming (D)

Suffolk County Legislator - 2nd District
Incumbent (Elected in 2015)
Endorsed in 2017

Leadership/Committee Membership:

- Ways & Means Committee - Chair
- Health Committee - Vice-Chair
- Environment, Planning & Agriculture Committee - Member
- Public Safety Committee - Member
- Publics Works, Transportation & Energy Committee - Member

Professional Background/Education:

- Worked for almost a decade as an Assistant District Attorney in the office of legendary District Attorney Robert Morgenthau in Manhattan
- Currently of counsel to the Law Offices of Robin L. Long in Southampton Village
- First elected to the Southampton Town Board in a Special Election in March 2010 and won reelection in 2011 for a four year term (2010-2015)
- Received Sustainable Long Island's "Getting it Done Award" for her success in establishing a youth-run farmer's market in a neighborhood that otherwise had no access to fresh produce.
- Undergraduate - Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Hunter College's Special Honor Curriculum
- Graduate - J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she received the prestigious Kramer Award for service to the community

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 *Southampton Town Councilwoman (2010-2015)*
 - Liaison to Southampton Town's Sustainability Committee; Landmark passage of a Sustainability Amendment to our Comprehensive Plan (co-sponsor); ban on single use plastic bags (co-sponsor); Bill requiring that all fill brought to the Town be certified as non-toxic (sponsor); Liaison to the Waste Management Department; Spearheaded search for a Department Head with focus on environmental impacts of Town waste management practices; revision to Solid Waste Management Plan and Code revisions that for the first time required that private garbage carters (who haul 85% of residential solid waste and 100% of commercial waste produced in the Town) be permitted by the Town, required to certify that trucks are secure, and to report data regarding the components and materials they haul (sponsor); Liaison to the Community Preservation Fund (the fund created by the East End 2% transfer tax on all real property transactions over \$250 thousand); authored legislation that provides for fast tracking of all acquisitions in critical watershed areas; sponsored

Southampton Coastal Resources and Water Protection Plan.”

- o *County Legislator (2015-present)*
 - “Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee member; Health Committee Vice Chair; member of Working Group that authored revisions to Sanitary Code, Article 19, authorizing County to oversee advanced onsite wastewater treatment, revisions to Articles implementing their installation, and establishment of grant and loan program to assist homeowners with upgraded septic installations (co-sponsor); organized dialogue between the East Hampton Town Trustees and Vector Control to advance the goal of reduction or elimination of methoprene spraying for mosquito control, primarily through restoration of wetlands ecosystems, resulting in a 50% reduction of pesticide applications and reduction of area sprayed from 170 to 90 acres; spearheaded creation of Public Transportation Working Group and successfully lobbied in Albany to advocate for increased NYS funding for public transportation; as an EV owner, exploring installation of charging stations at County facilities; sponsored Bill which authorizes the County to use tax defaulted properties for siting of advanced onsite wastewater treatment; instituted revision to open space acquisition policies to allow for coastal resiliency planning and implementation; returned more than \$5 million to the district for water quality and environmental infrastructure projects (including funding for advanced storm water recharge for major traffic circle reconstruction in Riverside, Southampton).”

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 “On the Southampton Town Board, I was a strong supporter of first affordable rental development, east of the Shinnecock Canal, in proximity to CR39; worked successfully to pass the Riverside Revitalization Action Plan (triple bottom line overlay zoning), and continued to support hamlet-centered development in the area by securing substantial funding for traffic circle restoration envisioned by the Plan.”
 - o “As Legislator, secured \$2.5 million to support Speonk Commons workforce housing project adjacent to the Speonk, Southampton train station.”
- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Public Health***, the candidate responded:
 - o “Secured capital funding for equipment and additional staffing for Arthropod-Borne disease lab, and re-established Tick Control Advisory Committee to oversee the management of tick population, and for the prevention of tick-borne illnesses; Have sponsored numerous Narcan trainings and drug take-backs district-wide.”
 - o “Received Sustainable Long Island’s “Getting it Done Award” for establishing a farmer’s market in a food desert; Received Long Island Oyster Growers Association

“Pearl of a Person” Award for support for aquaculture and local seafood sourcing.”

- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Open Space Preservation***, the candidate responded:
 - “As Councilwoman and as a Legislator, have supported aggressive acquisition of open space, prioritizing watershed parcels, and spearheaded the passage of a \$30 million Town bond program to allow for expedited acquisitions under the Community Preservation Fund.”
- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Energy***, the candidate responded:
 - “As Chair of the Renewable Energy Task Force, instituted pilot initiative with Huntington and Southampton for creation of a multi-layered map to drive large scale solar development while protected woodlands and open space (sponsor); Established and chair the Community Choice Aggregation Task Force to explore development of CCA on Long Island, to increase renewable energy supply.”
- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Sustainable Public Asset Management***, the candidate responded:
 - “On the Town Board, supported fleet management plan requiring fuel-efficient vehicles, and an energy audit of Town Hall; as liaison to the Dark Skies Committee, supported replacement of lower wattage bulbs and energy-efficient bulbs in municipal installations throughout Town.”
- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Waste***, the candidate responded:
 - “On the Town Board, liaison to the Waste Management Department; Spearheaded search for a Department Head with focus on environmental impacts of Town waste management practices; revision to Solid Waste Management Plan and Code revisions that for the first time required that private garbage carters (who haul 85% of residential solid waste and 100% of commercial waste produced in the Town) be permitted by the Town, required to certify that trucks are secure, and to report data regarding the components and materials they haul (sponsor)”
- In response to Question 8, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Water Quality and Aquifer Protection***, the candidate responded:
 - “Co-sponsor and leading voice in the creation of Septic Improvement Program, including regulatory revisions, support for R & D, and grant and loan assistance for homeowners. Exploring a fertigation project on Shelter Island where brown water from a septic treatment plant will be used to fertilize a public golf course.”
- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Natural Resource Protection***, the candidate responded:
 - “Have advocated the assembling of parcels from different owners, particularly on coastlines, to enhance water quality impacts and restore contiguous wildlife habitat.

Instituted language which is now included in all coastally-vulnerable open space acquisitions (contracts and deeds) to allow for coastal resiliency best practices. Sponsored creation of mapping pilot to drive large scale solar with minimal impact on woodlands and open space (avoiding trading green for a green).”

- In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Farms and Local Food***, the candidate responded:
 - “Steady supporter of Peconic Land Trust, LI Farm Bureau. Champion of Transfer of Development Rights program where Southampton farmers enter into affirmative easement (obligation to farm); Co-sponsored legislation, while County defended litigation threatening the County’s farmland preservation program, to protect the program, and advocated for state legislation to allow the farmland program to continue functioning.”