



DuWayne Gregory (D)

Suffolk County Legislature 15th District
Incumbent (Elected in 2008)

Leadership/Committee Membership:

- Presiding Officer of the Legislature, Suffolk County Legislature, 2014-present
- Majority Leader, Suffolk County Legislature, 2011-present
- Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee: Vice-Chair
- Veterans and Seniors Committee: Member
- Former Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee

Professional Background/Education:

- Enlisted in the United States Army in 1993. Soon after, he was accepted to Officer Candidate School (OCS). After completion of OCS, Lieutenant Gregory was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in Field Artillery.
- In 2000, he was hired to work for Babylon Supervisor Rich Schaffer as the Town of Babylon's Citizens' Advocate. In that post, he ran the town's constituent service operation. There he was tasked with running the equivalent of the town's customer service department, responding to and solving problems for town residents.
- Attended North Carolina Wesleyan College, 1991

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:
 - “During my tenure on the Suffolk County Legislature I have been a big supporter of pro-environment initiatives. I have supported...
 - the preservation of thousands of acres of open space and farmland; provided more monies for the preservation of farmland and open space
 - the County's Climate Action Plan
 - Supported the passage of the plastic bag fee
 - changes to the health code to support implementation of Innovative Advance WasteWater Treatment Systems to address water quality concerns
 - the passage of the ban of single use plastic and Styrofoam.”

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:
 - “I have supported monies for transit oriented projects that include workforce housing and allow for less use of vehicles on our roadways. I have also supported funding for Complete Streets in our capital program. I am also proud to have helped initiate the

county's land bank which helps return blighted brownfield properties into productive use. The past couple years I have gone to Albany to lobby our state representatives for more money for the expansion of our transit system."

- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Public Health***, the candidate responded:
 - "I am proud of my record when it comes to public health, as well. A major initiative that I have taken on this past year is to revitalize the BOMARC facility in West Hampton. This site was an old military nuclear missile facility that the county took ownership of decades ago. For years there has been complaints with this property, but no one wanted to do anything with the property, because they were afraid of what environmental issues they would find. I put together a committee to look at repurposing the property. We are conducting environmental tests on the property to determine any issues. We have sought expressions of interest to utilize the property for renewable energy purposes. I am hopeful the end result will be something that wasn't imaginable just a couple years ago, but with my leadership we are making positive change."
- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Open Space Preservation***, the candidate responded:
 - "I have supported the county's open space preservation program and even changes to the program to ensure the integrity of the program."
- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Energy***, the candidate responded:
 - "I have supported efforts to reduce our energy costs through our capital program which has lowered our energy costs. The county is also apart of the PACE program for commercial properties. I have also supported local solar and wind projects as a means of expanding renewable energy resources."
- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Sustainable Public Asset Management***, the candidate responded:
 - "The county is in the process of converting our fleet of vehicles. We also have solar panels on various county owned properties. I also created a Distinguished Youth Award program which encourages participants to explore our beautiful town, county and state parks."
- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Waste***, the candidate responded:
 - "I support efforts to boost recycling and encouraging exporting of waste by rail. My office has been looking at creating a recycling program which the county currently does not have."
- 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 county has taken an aggressive approach to water quality. This year we successfully passed multiple referendums to expand sewers into unsewered areas. The county is also moving forward with its plan to expand next generation septic systems throughout the county.”
- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Natural Resource Protection***, the candidate responded:
 - “Suffolk County has been a leader in this regard. Having implemented a fee on single use bags which has been a tremendous success.”
- In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Farms and Local Food***, the candidate responded:
 - “The county has an active farmland preservation program. In fact, the capital budget which will be voted on at our General Meeting on June 4th has included an additional \$5million for farmland preservation.”