



**William Lindsay III (D)**

Suffolk County Legislature, District 8  
Incumbent (Elected in 2013)  
Endorsed in 2017

Leadership/Committee Membership:

- Chairman of the Suffolk County Legislature's Economic Development Committee
- Vice Chairman of the Government Operations and Personnel Committee
- Former Vice President of the Melville Chamber of Commerce (2007-2013)
- Chaired their Government Relations Committee
- Chaired on the Board for the Salvation Army (2005-2008)
- Co-chaired Golf Committee (1998-Present) Helped raise money for Youth Programs

Professional Background/Education:

- Former Vice President for Hilb, Regal and Hamilton
- Former employee for Government Employers Insurance Company
- B.A in Business Administration from St. Joseph's College (1994)

**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:
  - "I was recently successful in securing \$26.4 million from NYS in order to sewer the southern portion of Idle Hour in Oakdale. I have sponsored legislation and secured funding to design a sewer line through the hamlets of Oakdale, West Sayville and Sayville. My largest initiative has been and continues to be advocating for sewers for the southern portion of my district."
  - "I have fought for stricter penalties and more oversight against illegal dumping and sand mining."
  - "I am in the process of drafting new legislation that will incentivize builders and developers to install the new nitrogen reduction systems rather than septic systems."

**Questionnaire ISSUES 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 am a firm supporter of the Ronkonkoma HUB North and South projects."
  - "I recently put together working groups in Sayville and Holbrook to seek solutions on revitalizing these downtown areas and connecting them to transit Hubs with the addition of sewer connections which are imminent."
- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to

**Public Health**, the candidate responded:

- “Sewers offer a public health solution to the flushing of raw sewage from homes directly into the Connetquot river in Oakdale. There must be a comprehensive plan to combat the effluent departing from homes and seeping into the ground; sewer infrastructure transferring waste to a treatment facility. Advocacy for the abandonment of cesspools and installation of sewers is desperately needed.”
- “I am also sponsoring legislation to create a new Dog park in Holbrook. As vice chair of the Parks Committee I am able to act as a strong advocate for all of our parks throughout the County.”
- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Open Space Preservation**, the candidate responded:
  - “I am a firm believer in economic development of our downtown areas in order to create a thriving economy but not at the cost of our residents being stuck in grid-lock traffic due to overutilization of personal vehicles.”
- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Energy**, the candidate responded:
  - “Energy efficiency must be a top priority in our County.”
  - “Renewable energy, offshore wind energy and solar panels are all crucial stepping stones forward to achieve this goal.”
- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Sustainable Public Asset Management**, the candidate responded:
  - “Being proactive about ways that we can improve our air, water, and overall environment is key to a more sustainable future.”
- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Waste**, the candidate responded:
  - “Waste from outdated cesspools accounts for 67% of the nitrogen contamination in the Great South Bay. Reducing the amount of wastewater and consequentially nitrogen from our waterways is my biggest initiative currently.”
  - “The Superstorm Sandy funding that I was able to successfully repurpose for the Idle Hour Region of Oakdale will create a ripple effect across the southern coastline of Long Island where sewer installation will continue to grow.”
- In response to Question 8, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Water Quality and Aquifer Protection**, the candidate responded:
  - “Our water supply is one of our most precious resources. We must continue to combat illegal dumping and outdated technology that does not filter waste properly.”
- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Natural Resource Protection**, the candidate responded:
  - “Preservation of our natural resources is crucial. Historical value, serene views and unique wildlife are some of the important features of our open space on Long Island.”

- In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to *Farms and Local Food*, the candidate responded:
  - “Due to the overwhelming amount of waste emitting nitrogen into the ground and waterways from old cesspools, Long Island’s clam and eelgrass population is now diminished.”
  - “The time for advocacy to clean our bays, rivers, and canals is imminent before the damage becomes irreversible. This initiative will assist our local food vendors tremendously.”