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VISION, Neighborhood Network, and North Shore Land Alliance to Present on Smart Growth, Energy and the Environment

As part of its effort to serve as a forum for public education and discourse, the Cold Spring Harbor Library will host **Vision Long Island**, the **North Shore Land Alliance**, and the **Neighborhood Network** for an interactive presentation highlighting the 'green' side of Smart Growth. All are welcome to attend. The event will be held **Tuesday, March 18, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Cold Spring Harbor Library**.

Long Island's Environmental Challenges will be introduced on a multi-level scale (local, regional, national) encompassing global warming, the pending energy crisis, health, quality of life, and more. Smart Growth, which focuses on infill development, re-development, and open space preservation, will be offered as a prime solution. Smart Growth supports attractive traditional communities that are pedestrian-friendly and make affordable housing and public transportation desirable and realistic.

Discussion will include information about current preservation projects, and how the North Shore Land Alliance can help property owners preserve their land in perpetuity. Existing resources such as what is available through the Nassau County Bond Act will be discussed. Vision Long Island will explain how these efforts fit into the Smart Growth movement and will share principles for development that are more efficient and offer a higher quality of life. The Neighborhood Network will then talk about what's being done on Long Island to address global warming and the pending energy crisis. The presentation will conclude with an open discussion.

The North Shore Land Alliance, Inc. is a land trust formed to protect and preserve, in perpetuity, the green spaces, wetlands, and historical sites of Long Island's North Shore for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations and the protection and enhancement of homeowner quality of life.

The Neighborhood Network is dedicated to reclaiming the suburban and rural character of community life on Long Island by preserving our environmental resources, initiating efforts to employ clean energy technologies, advancing planning principles that foster stronger communities, and holding our governmental officials accountable by advancing reforms which set the highest ethical standards and keep the operation of government open to the public.

VISION's mission is to join with others to promote more livable, economically sustainable and environmentally responsible growth on Long Island through Smart Growth. Smart Growth focuses on infill development, re-development, and open space preservation. It supports mixed-use, mixed-income communities that are convenient, attractive, pedestrian friendly, and that make affordable housing and public transportation desirable and realistic options. A key objective is to strengthen communities from the start by involving local stakeholders in collaborative planning processes.

For more information, visit www.visionlongisland.org, www.neighborhood-network.org, or www.northshorelandalliance.org.