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LEGISLATOR TESTA – ‘VOTE FOR BOND FUNDS BRINGS FORMAL AND WELCOME END TO AN ERA FOR SPROUT BROOK FACILITY AND THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT’

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White Plains NY July 13, 2010 - Westchester County Legislator John G. Testa (R- Peekskill) says his support for bond funding at the Westchester County Board meeting last night signals a formal and welcome end to an era of ash dumping at the Sprout Brook Facility. “This is a day we have long awaited. My vote joined by my colleagues on the Board signals a welcome and long awaited end to an era, and the final steps in complete, permanent closure.”

The County Board voted last night to approve bond funding in the amount of \$6,170,000 (six million one hundred seventy thousand dollars) for final steps in closure. “These funds will pay for the last steps in closure as we work with The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in final capping and monitoring, “said Testa.

“This plan will keep the facility in full compliance and insure that proper public health and environmental safeguards are in place for the future.” Sprout Brook will be monitored for thirty years with rigorous testing of stormwater and leachate.

“Our community has endured trucking and disposal of ash from Westchester County’s waste incineration facility in Peekskill for a quarter century, since 1984, “said Testa. “We did our part and now this bond funding means we formally close the book.”

Some 170,000 tons of ash per year were trucked to the facility. Waste disposal at the site ceased in the fall of 2009.

Specially engineered liners will be used in the final covering procedures followed by hydroseeding of wildflowers and meadow grasses.

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