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REPORT TO CLARKSTOWN RESIDENTS



RESTORING THE TRAPHAGEN PROPERTY

Late last year, Assemblyman Zebrowski worked with Senator David Carlucci to secure a total of \$500,000 in state funding for the restoration of the historic Traphagen property in West Nyack. The Vanderbilt-Budke house, which sits on the property, is the second oldest known structure in Rockland County and oldest in Clarkstown.

For years the town, local groups and devoted residents have worked to preserve the area which has become a symbol of Rockland's heritage. With the funding the legislators secured, the Vanderbilt-Budke home will undergo a full restoration and will connect the property to Germonds Park with pedestrian trails. This revitalization will encourage residents and visitors to enjoy Clarkstown's rich historical roots.

Ken also supported efforts to list Traphagen on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The property has been approved and is now listed on the State Register of Historic Places. Impressively, it has also been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and awaits approval in Washington D.C.

STATEWIDE PRIORITIES

Code Enforcement Integrity Legislation

- Assemblyman Zebrowski remains vigilant in working toward proper code enforcement and fire safety in Rockland County.
- His code enforcement integrity bill that passed both the Assembly and Senate this session, gives the Department of State the power to revoke a code enforcement official's certification in the event of misconduct; such as, falsifying reports or failing to report violations (A.1310).

Protecting Online Data

- Ken continues to protect New Yorkers and their personal data with his Internet Service Provider (ISP) legislation (A.7236).
- This bill would provide customers with more control over their sensitive data, such as medical and banking information and how it is handled by their ISP. Under the measure, it would require customers to consent in order for their service provider to use personal information.

Student Loan Oversight

- Assemblyman Zebrowski is all too aware of the burden of paying back student loan debt.
- This year, he introduced and passed a proposal in the Assembly that would require loan servicers operating in NYS to be licensed and regulated by the state. This would put into place basic consumer protections for borrowers and ensure that they are not being taken advantage of or misled (A.7582A).



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Dear Clarkstown Resident:

As your State representative in Albany I work every day to ensure that your voice is heard and that the needs of the Town are met. Not only do I advocate for Clarkstown residents at the State Capitol, but I am always partnering with town and community leaders to address the pressing issues facing our residents and families. I was born and raised here and I hope you know that I will continue to fight for Clarkstown schools, push to secure state funding for local projects, as well as respond to the issues that are most important to my constituents.

Sincerely,



Securing Funding for Clarkstown Schools

Over the past couple of years, Assemblyman Zebrowski has been tirelessly working during the budget to secure significant state aid for Clarkstown schools. Ken was successful in delivering some major results:

- Clarkstown School District has seen nearly a 14% increase in total school aid over the last two budgets; an unprecedented increase in funding
- In 2016, Ken was instrumental in eliminating the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA)
- The GEA elimination included a \$2.5 million restoration in the 16-17 school year

Assemblyman Zebrowski will continue to fight to ensure that Clarkstown schools are adequately funded and students receive the quality education they deserve.

Lake DeForest Fencing Halted

In working collaboratively with Clarkstown Supervisor Hoehmann and Suez Management, Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski is proud to announce that an agreement has been reached to suspend the proposal to fence in the entirety of Lake DeForest.

After he was contacted by a group of constituents from West Nyack about a barbed wire fence being constructed around the lake, Assemblyman Zebrowski immediately began working with all parties to prevent the project. He was concerned that the fence would not only negatively affect the environment, but the aesthetics and home values in the area. A consensus was reached to suspend the fencing and the details of the agreement include:

- Suez will halt the current fence installation
- Steps will be taken to mitigate existing fencing
- A plan will ensure that the watershed remains safe through increased fines for trespassing, increased police patrols and a hotline for residents to report suspicious activity

Ken is thankful for the advocacy of the residents that helped highlight this issue. A product of community and government partnership, this agreement will protect the environment and safety of Lake DeForest while also preserving its beauty.