



# Congressman Tim Bishop

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### **BISHOP SECURES MAJOR GRANTS FOR LONG ISLAND**

*Congressman Includes More Than \$1.3 Million for Local Projects in Budget*

**Washington, DC**— Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) today proudly announced that he has secured several major grants to help communities throughout Eastern Long Island. Bishop was able to secure six major grants totaling more than \$1.3 million in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which is expected to pass the House of Representatives today.

“I am proud that I have succeeded in making sure Long Island gets our fair share from the Federal government,” Bishop said. “I have worked hard with our local leaders to ensure that our communities get the support they need.”

- Mastic Town Pool: \$202,500
- Mattituck Inlet: \$100,000
- Mattituck Harbor: \$80,000
- Smith Haven Ministries: \$500,000
- Southampton College: \$253,000
- Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame: \$202,500

A description and quotes on each project follows:

**Mastic Town Pool:** This money will provide for facilities improvements at the Mastic Town Pool in the Town of Brookhaven.

“As a father of two, I recognize our children’s need for safe recreation activities in our communities,” Bishop said. “I will continue to improve recreation opportunities for our children in Brookhaven and throughout the district.”

**Mattituck Inlet:** This funding will enable the Army Corps of Engineers to continue their study to solve the severe erosion problems on the west side of the Inlet.

**Mattituck Harbor:** This funding will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study to prepare for dredging the west side of the Inlet.

“The erosion in Mattituck Inlet poses both safety risks and threatens the local economy,” Bishop said. “It is important to give the Corps of Engineers the resources they need to tackle the problems of sand build up and erosion that threaten Mattituck, while protecting the environment.”

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“I am especially pleased that solving the erosion problem will help save 60 acres of protected wetlands,” Bishop added. “And I will continue to work with Supervisor Horton and other local leaders to protect the harbor.”

**Smith Haven Ministries:** This money will provide for mental health counseling for adults and families without insurance, or without sufficient insurance coverage. Smith Haven Ministries provides a range of mental health counseling services, including adult couples suffering through divorce, youth in danger of engaging in criminal activities and homeless in need of assistance to navigate a course to successful everyday living.

“I am extremely proud to get a federal grant for Smith Haven Ministries, which has helped provide hope for so many families throughout Suffolk County,” Bishop said. “This critical counseling literally turns people’s lives around and provides compassion to those who have known none.”

**Southampton College:** This funding will substantially improve the College’s Marine Research Center’s education and research capabilities, by enabling the Center to purchase equipment such as an Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler System, a Polymerase Chain Reaction Machine, a Vibracore Coring System and a Fluorometer. These state-of-the-art instruments will enhance classroom activities and learning, while providing valuable research tools to faculty of the College.

“Not only is Southampton College near and dear to my heart, but it is also one of the nation’s premier undergraduate programs in marine science,” Bishop said. “This funding will enable the College to continue to meet a growing national need for scientists by providing state of the art instruments for the Marine Science Center.”

**Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame:** This money will provide for construction of a Sports Hall of Fame in Patchogue, complete with a forty-seat mini-theater, a free Sports Research Center offering an extensive sports library and a forum for Suffolk County residents to meet their favorite Suffolk sports celebrities.

“The Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame unites communities throughout the county and teaches our children about positive local role models they can relate to,” Bishop said. “The Hall of Fame also works closely with our student-athletes. I am proud I was able to get this grant and I can’t wait to attend the opening of the Hall of Fame.”

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