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### **BISHOP AND FOLEY ANNOUNCE \$600,000 GRANT TO BROOKHAVEN AIRPORT**

*Funds to enhance safe aircraft operations*

Brookhaven, NY - Congressman Tim Bishop (NY-1) and Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian X. Foley today announced a \$600,000 federal grant for the Town of Brookhaven. This grant will provide funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the removal of trees in order to enhance safe aircraft operations at Brookhaven Calabro Airport in Shirley.

"We are more aware than ever of the importance of airline security and safety to protect passengers and cargo," said Bishop. "This new federal grant will enable the Town of Brookhaven to remove potentially dangerous obstructions that could threaten safe use of the airport. I am pleased to partner with Supervisor Foley to deliver federal funds to assist the town while reducing the burden on local taxpayers."

"Calabro Airport is a critical part of Brookhaven Town's business and recreational infrastructure," Foley said. "Making it safer, making it more attractive to business, and making it a better place for visitors and residents to fly in and out of helps the town on multiple levels."

"Tim Bishop has again demonstrated why he's such an effective legislator. His help at Calabro and across the township is invaluable," Foley stated. "This \$600,000 grant is another example of how our close working partnership with Mr. Bishop pays off in big dividends for town residents," the Supervisor concluded.

The Town of Brookhaven's Division of General Aviation operates and maintains Brookhaven Calabro Airport. The airport handles more than 135,000 annual aircraft operations (take-offs and landings). Over the past decade, the Town of Brookhaven has been the recipient of millions of dollars in FAA grant funding for the reconstruction of runways, taxiways runway lighting and other amenities, making Brookhaven Calabro Airport one of the finest general aviation facilities in the Northeast. There are more than 200 aircraft based at the airport.

Brookhaven Airport is also home to the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Aviation/Professional Pilot Training Program and the Dowling College School of Aviation. It also serves as host to many events throughout the year.

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