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The Honorable Governor George E. Pataki  
The Honorable Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno  
The Honorable Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12233

Dear Sirs:

As Chair of the Long Island South Shore Estuary Reserve (Reserve) Council, I am pleased to submit the enclosed ***Partners for Progress: Long Island South Shore Estuary Reserve Comprehensive Management Plan Accomplishments 2003-2005***. This is the second biannual report submitted by the Reserve Council in conformance with Article 46 of Executive Law since adoption of the Reserve comprehensive management plan in 2001.

The report documents the progress made by the Reserve Council and its many implementation partners - county, town, village and city governments in the Reserve, State and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and individual citizens - to improve the estuary's water quality; restore its living resources; improve knowledge for ecosystem management; enhance public use and enjoyment; advance education and stewardship; and sustain the region's maritime heritage and economy.

Of particular significance are the projects undertaken by Reserve partners highlighted in the report. These illustrate the importance of strong partnerships in advancing the diverse implementation actions called for in the comprehensive management plan.

Continued effectiveness in implementing the plan will rely on strengthening existing partnerships and establishing new ones, and a knowledgeable and supportive public. The Reserve Council is proud of its success to date and looks forward to its continuing and successful implementation of the Reserve comprehensive management plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Jacobs', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher L. Jacobs  
Chair, South Shore Estuary Reserve Council