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tions, the community and our shareholders. We have helped create a legacy for future generations as the Long Island community continues to grow, a credit to all involved."

This is an innovative deal. It not only creates significant new recreational and public access opportunities, but it also retains the rural and agricultural community character of the North Fork. The revenues to develop the park's infrastructure will come from the resale of the farm fields to private farmers. The agricultural lands will be forever restricted to farming by easements. KeySpan Corporation had acquired the site when it purchased the assets of the former electric utility, the Long Island Lighting Company that, at one time, had planned on building a nuclear power plant there.

This acquisition represents a real gift

for the public and birds, including herons, egrets and other shorebirds that will now enjoy permanent access to the Sound as well as waterfowl and kingfishers on the interior pond. "Audubon has much to be thankful for with its number one open space protection priority being saved for all future generations to enjoy," said David J. Miller, Executive Director of Audubon New York. "Through an effort which began two years ago with Audubon's Listen to the Sound 2000 hearings and publication, a public advocacy campaign has secured the newest state park for New York."

Audubon recognized the KeySpan property as its number one 2002 land protection priority because it was the largest undeveloped open space expanse remaining on the shores of Long Island Sound. The local chapter, the North Fork Audubon Society, has promoted the protection of this property for years and sponsored Audubon's resolutions for its protection. This region has

limited public access to meet the needs of over 28 million people who live within an hour's drive of the Sound. This parcel is a crown jewel on the Sound and its public acquisition supports the establishment of the Long Island Sound Stewardship System being created by New York, Connecticut, and the federal government. (See related story, page 12). It is located next door to the Hallockville Museum Farm & Folklife Center. Audubon New York plans to work with the state on the stewardship of this property as well as the development of a future bird conservation program and education center there.

Our sincere thanks go to the KeySpan Corporation's CEO, Robert Cattell, for his leadership and the company's corporate generosity. The state will pay \$16 million for the parcel, which was appraised at more than \$20 million. "There are not many corporations that would have chosen to realize substantially less cash than might

have been possible from a sale to developers" said Rob Pirani, director of environmental programs at the Regional Plan Association. We have many other people and organizations to thank for the success of the advocacy campaign that Audubon led to save this extraordinary piece of land, especially Governor George E. Pataki for his abiding commitment to Long Island Sound, the Commissioner and staff of the State Office of Parks for their interest and support, the Trust for Public Land, the Town of Riverhead, the New York Farm Bureau, many state and local legislators, and for the dedication of the many environmental groups that joined our advocacy campaign, such as the North Fork Audubon Society chapter, the North Fork Environmental Council, the Regional Plan Association, Save the Sound, the NYS League of Conservation Voters, the Peconic Land Trust, and the Pine Barrens Society.

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for the organization. All of us at Audubon New York, again thank Jack Bierwirth; and his family for true conservation leadership.



Marian Heiskell – Audubon New York Board Member, Adele Block and Peggy Danziger (left to right)



Constantine and Anne Sidamon-Eristoff (front) welcome Louise Cullman and Joseph Cullman.



Peggy Danziger, Adele Block, Lucy Danziger, Margot Ernst – Audubon New York Board Member, John Flicker – National Audubon Society President, Marian Heiskell – Audubon New York Board Member and Louise Cullman gather for a pre-luncheon photo. (right to left)



Ralph Odell and Oakes Ames compare notes on Audubon New York's 2001/2002 Annual Report (left to right)



Alex Zagoreos – Audubon New York Board Member (center) and daughter Typhaine Zagoreos (left) enjoy the luncheon with friends.



Gerhard Neumaier – Audubon New York Board Member, Glenn Olson – National Audubon Society, David J. Miller – Audubon New York Executive Director, John Flicker – National Audubon Society President, Oakes Ames – Audubon New York Board Member, and Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff – Audubon New York Board Chairman. (left to right)



Joseph F. Cullman, 3rd, Anne Sidamon-Eristoff and David J. Miller (left to right) take a moment for our photographer.



Walter Corcoran – Audubon New York Stewardship Committee Member and Lise Moran sporting a fetching bluebird.



Al Caccese - New York State Parks (left) and Rick Lazio - Audubon New York Stewardship Committee Member and Former United States Congressman.

Al Caccese Joins Audubon

By Staff Report

AL CACCESI (photo above), formerly of New York State Parks, joins Audubon New York as Director of Government Relations. Al has served at New York State Parks since 1975 as General Counsel, First Deputy Commissioner, Acting Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Land Management. Previously, he was an Assistant to Governor Hugh Carey. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from state government and we could not be more pleased to have him part of the Audubon team," said David J. Miller, Executive Director of Audubon New York.



Chairman of the Board Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff and his wife, Anne.



Gladys Goldmann – Audubon New York Board Member, Virginia K. Stowe – Audubon New York Board Member and Jane Swanson (left to right) enjoy the festivities.



Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bierwirth