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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES \$675,000 IN STIMULUS
FUNDING FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

*College Projects Will Reduce Energy Costs, Conserve Water and Promote
Environmental Stewardship*

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) announced today that the College is the recipient of a \$675,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) award. The College received the largest of three grants earmarked for Long Island. SCCC plans to use these funds to implement progressive water conservation and energy saving strategies throughout the facilities of its multiple campuses, which are located in highly sensitive environmental regions of Suffolk County. Some of the improvements that will be funded through this grant include water saving appliances such as sink sensors and low-flush toilets. The College will also save energy by installing variable frequency drives on the process blowers at the sewage treatment plant on the Ammerman Campus.

Overall, the grant-funded projects are expected to save over 77 million gallons of water usage over the next ten years and will reduce energy consumption at the College sewage treatment plant by 50%.

The award was announced by Governor David Paterson as part of New York State's historic \$432 million grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The Act requires states to allocate 20% of their Recovery Act funding to water quality projects that use innovative treatment technologies and energy conservation methods.

In response to the grant award announcement, George Gatta, Jr., Interim President of the College stated, "Suffolk County Community College is committed to environmental stewardship and the conservation of our region's natural resources. We understand the importance of promoting water and energy conservation and adopting efficiency measures, particularly as a means to encourage students to make adjustments in their own lives regarding water use and energy choices. This grant award follows closely on the recent opening of our new Workforce Development and Technology Center building--the College's first facility designed in anticipation of Gold LEED-certification."

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With almost 300 applications representing approximately \$470 million in grant requests, selection of projects to receive some \$40 million in GIGP funds was extremely competitive. The College's dedication to environmental issues and long-term strategic planning proved a key advantage. New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation solicited projects on March 25th. Since then, a technical panel of experts and professionals from the Corporation, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the New York State Department of Health reviewed the applications. Once selected to receive funds, the United States Environmental Protection Agency reviewed and approved each project. All projects were required to comply with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and Clean Water Act, as well as the New York State Revolving Fund requirements.

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling more than 23,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students.

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