

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The long hot summer is drawing to a close, but the long hot battle to preserve and upgrade our environment continues unabated.

Despite the normal estival slowdown or cessation of lawmaking activity much has transpired since we closed out our last season at the Coral House. There have been some complete victories, some limited ones and some defeats.

Perhaps foremost in the win column was the abandonment of the Rye-Oyster Bay Bridge. Governor Rockefeller finally responded to the mounting pressure of conservationists and concerned residents and signed finis to Robert Moses' "dream Bridge", initially designed to bring more people to already overflowing Jones Beach.

Notable within our own territory was the defeat of Rockville Centre's plan to build a swimming pool, tennis court and parking lot complex in one of the few remaining open areas of Hempstead Lake State Park. This plan would have destroyed a well-tenanted bird nesting habitat. After an exchange of letters between South Shore Audubon and the State Parks & Recreation Commission the latter decided not to permit the construction.

Conservation Commissioner Henry Diamond has just denied the Ton-Da-Lay application which would have resulted in the building of up to 300 homes per square mile in the heart of the Adirondack State Park, utterly destroying a portion of the largest wild area in the East and opening the floodgates for further despoliation. This landmark decision was made possible by the passage, after intense pressure from conservationists, of the Adirondack Land Use Plan. This issue, however, will probably wind up in the courts.

Among the partial victories was the limited opening of the highway trust fund for urban mass transit. While quite insufficient, it opens the door for further releasing of badly needed monies. As with an infant, the first step is the most important.

A further well-conceived step was the adoption by Congress of a National Land Use Act, backed by National Audubon and most conservation organizations. The Senate version does not contain a provision for economic sanctions against non-complying states but the House bill does. It is hoped that this vital proviso be included in the final law.

An utter defeat appears likely in the Alaska pipeline fight. Prodded by the panic engendered by the oil "shortage" the Senate voted not only to authorize construction of the pipeline but to remove it from all environmental considerations. The Senators refused to consider the alternate Canadian route. As of this writing, the House has not yet voted but appears likely to go along with the upper chamber.

But most significant of all is the growing consideration being given to the environment. If we continue the battle we will yet prevail and once again make our nation and the world a cleaner, better place to live.

Al. Lemke
President

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-- FROM THE BIRDING FRONT --

Now that September is here, our bird walks will start again. As always, all walks will start at 10:00 A.M. unless otherwise noted, and there will be no walk if it rains or if the temperature is below 25 degrees.

- September - 9 - West End Parking Field #2, Jones Beach. Meet northwest corner of field.
- 16 - J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay Beach. Parking field is north side of Ocean Parkway, east of Jones Beach
- 23 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Off Cross Bay Blvd., west side, south of Belt Parkway.
- 30 - West End Parking Field #2, Jones Beach. Northwest corner of field.

- October - 7 - Cedar Beach. South side of Ocean Parkway, east of Gilgo.
- 14 - J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay Beach. Parking field is north side of Ocean Parkway, east of Jones Beach.
- 21 - West End Parking Field #2, Jones Beach. Meet northwest corner of field.
- 28 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Off Cross Bay Blvd., west side, south of Belt Parkway.

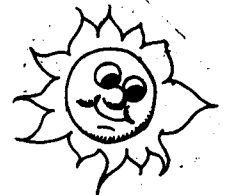
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Elliott Kutner,
Chairman, Birding



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The Massachusetts Audubon Society has completed the first phase of a project which it hopes will demonstrate that solar energy offers an economically and commercially practical way to heat an office building in winter and cool it in summer.

Unlike fossil and nuclear fuels, solar energy is a source that is not depleted by use nor does it pollute.

We fervently hope their project is a success.

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The Editors are well aware that there may be and probably are mistakes in both the above listing and in our total membership mailing list. We hope you will be patient. We now have over 700 members and for several reasons, the checking of this list for errors has become a formidable job. However, within the next two months we hope to have our listing permanently as accurate as possible. The fact that we are now using an addressograph system makes this doubly important.

If anyone did not receive a Newsletter, there will be a small supply at the meeting. In the meantime, may we ask your help in letting us know of any corrections. Also, may we explain that if you move out of our district, no matter where; or, if for some reason you would prefer to be in another chapter than South Shore, the responsibility is up to you to advise the National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. #10022, of your wishes. National will keep you on their list as one of our members until you notify them differently. We would hope you would want to stay with us, but, if not, please let National know.

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—SEPTEMBER MEETING—
Tuesday, September 11th
Freeport Library
8:15 PM



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