



# Town of Brookhaven Long Island

**Edward P. Romaine**, Supervisor

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Ms. Cara Longworth  
Long Island Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
Long Island Regional Office  
150 Motor Parkway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dear Ms. Longworth,

I write today in support of sustainable aquaculture development on Long Island.


It is my understanding Manna Fish Farms, Inc. has applied for two grants via the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) from the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council.

In the first grant application, Manna brings cage technology to Long Island and uses it as a vehicle to provide aquaculture training in formal STEM education and economic opportunities. Manna's second grant application aims to invest significantly in repairing and improving the Shinnecock fish docks and associated waterfront at 361 Beach Road in Hampton Bays.

It's important to note that aquaculture in the United States lags far behind development throughout the world. Aquaculture can provide job opportunities here on Long Island and cultivate a new technology to promote consumption of sea fish and provide jobs.

I support both grant applications submitted by Manna Fish Farms.

Sincerely,

  
Edward P. Romaine  
Supervisor

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