

## Smithtown approves HIP overlay district zoning

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The Hauppauge Industrial Park (HIP) is entering a new phase in its development, opening it up to innovative new uses and strengthening its position as an important economic bellwether for growth on L.I. After many years of collaboration between HIA-LI, the recognized voice for business on L.I. and the town to pass the necessary zoning changes, the Smithtown town board approved on July 14th a special overlay district status for the park. The new changes are intended to provide flexibility to allow the HIP to continue to be attractive for business development, making it competitive with other industrial areas in the region and nation.

"HIA-LI is excited to have acted as a catalyst for this important zoning change that will open new opportunities for businesses that are located in or moving to the Hauppauge Industrial Park," says Terri Alessi-Miceli, HIA-LI President. "This will promote investment, bring new and innovative development and encourage job growth in the Park. We applaud the Smithtown Town Board for their service and determination in making this a reality."

"Business owners, developers and property owners in the Hauppauge Industrial Park now have an easier path for building and developing their properties," says Jack Kulka, CEO of Kulka Construction Corp. and HIA-LI Board Member. "This opens the Park to many new uses and encourages future growth."

The new zoning amendment allows for parking garages, outdoor storage and increases in building height among other important capabilities.

## The Hauppauge Industrial Park (HIP)

The Hauppauge Industrial Park is widely regarded as a major revenue generator for the Town of Smithtown and Long Island. It stretches over 1,400 acres of land, is home to over 1,300 companies employing 55,000 people in manufacturing, construction and services industries - many of them local tax payers and voters. It is a powerful economic engine responsible for generating over \$19 million in annual tax revenue for the Town of Smithtown.

## About HIA-LI

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