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RECREATION CENTER COMING TO PUTNAM VALLEY WITH HELP FROM SERINO

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PUTNAM VALLEY, NY—Putnam Valley will be home to a new, premier recreation center thanks in part to a \$100,000 grant secured by Sue Serino (R, C, I—Hyde Park). Serino was in Putnam Valley on Friday, October 21, 2016 to see the plans for the new community space and to talk with local leaders about its progress.

“I am incredibly proud to be able to deliver \$100,000 in state funding to the Town of Putnam Valley to help make the building of a much-needed recreation center a reality,” said Senator Serino. “There is a

clear need for the space and having seen the plans first-hand, I am confident that the investment will help bring countless community members together and continue to pay off for years to come. This project is the perfect example of all that can happen when partners at every level come together for the good of the community.”

According to the grant for funding submitted by the town, because of the lack of available space, Putnam Valley has had to decrease the programming available to both children as well as adults. Over the last four years, the school system alone has had to give up a number of summer sports camps and modified sports, which directly impacted 400 children. The new recreation center will include a large gym/multipurpose recreational area, and office space and classrooms that will provide important opportunities for the Town to host anti-drug and alcohol programs for local youth.

Sam Oliverio, Town of Putnam Valley Supervisor said, *“I would like to sincerely thank State Senator Sue Serino for her hard work up in Albany securing a \$100,000 grant for the building of our Recreation Center. Senator Serino knows the importance of quality of life services for a small Town. These quality of life services bring our community together and provide for recreational activities that we would otherwise be without. This is the 2nd homerun Senator Serino has hit for our Town. The Taconic Overpass is the first! Senator Serino, I and all the residents of Putnam Valley, thank you!”*

Frank DiMarco, Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation Director, said, *“I thank Senator Serino for stopping by today and taking interest in the department's future plans. I was happy to explain the needs of our community to someone who supports us the way that the Senator does. I cannot thank you enough for making my department aware of the available \$100,000 grant and supporting us through the process.”*