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## **Town and Local Residents Plan Memorial Bench in Honor of Supervisor Martha Dodge**

*(March 8, 2010)* A local group of residents have teamed up with the Town of Ossining to honor Town Supervisor Martha Dodge, who passed away in December 2009 after a fight with cancer, by erecting a bench and memorial in her honor at Louis Engel Waterfront Park.

Several of Dodge's friends approached her husband, John Codman, about how best to memorialize Martha's enthusiasm for protecting the environment and the Hudson River, and to commemorate her service to the Ossining community. A public bench honoring Dodge at the Ossining waterfront seemed the perfect solution.

A dedicated fund has been established to help fund the bench and memorial and to landscape the site. Those wishing to donate to Martha's bench and memorial should mail the donation to: Town of Ossining, Supervisor's office, Attn: Martha's Bench, 16 Croton Ave, Ossining NY 10562. Please make sure to include the words "Martha's Bench" in the "re:" line of the check. This is a dedicated fund. All donations received will go towards the purchase of the bench and memorial, landscaping, and upkeep of the site.

The Town will have a dedication ceremony with the Codman-Dodge family once the bench and memorial have been installed.

For more information, contact the Town of Ossining at 914-762-6001.

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