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**Long Island Power Authority receives national award for community service**

**Seattle, Washington, June 20, 2023** — Long Island Power Authority, of New York, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Seattle, Washington. The award recognizes “good neighbor” activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

Long Island Power Authority supported the opening of a new recreation trail on the site of a 19th-century railroad line in 2022. LIPA gained ownership of the land following its abandonment in the 1930s and granted it to Suffolk County for the creation of the new trail. The utility recently partnered with United Way of Long Island, granting the organization $200,000 in support of its Net Zero Energy Challenge campaign, which will transform United Way’s headquarters in Deer Park into a “net zero” building with rooftop solar, high-performance air-source heat pumps, and EV charging. The location will also be used to train disadvantaged young adults and veterans in clean energy construction.

LIPA also launched a new scholarship program this year intended to provide education and training for students from households with incomes below the median income of Long Island and the Rockaways living in historically underserved communities. The program commits $350,000 over the next five years to provide full scholarships for 50 students to obtain either an associate degree or certificate from one of two local community colleges that will help them pursue a career in the electric utility or clean energy sectors.

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