

## What is the Green Party?

The Green Party is the fastest-growing party in the United States and the largest political movement in the world. Tens of thousands of New Yorkers concerned about grassroots democracy, economic and social justice, nonviolence, and an ecologically sustainable environment have joined the Greens in the last few years alone. As Green Party 2000 presidential candidate Ralph Nader pointed out, the Democratic and Republican Parties are bought and sold by corporate donors, who set their agendas and limit how far party elected officials can go in representing our interests.

The Greens are different. We are a decentralized, grassroots based party unified around key issues and values important to us all. Green candidates accept no money from corporations, and our party works to get big money out of elections. The Green Party of New York State does not have ballot status, but you can enroll as a Green with the Suffolk County Board of Elections. By collecting signatures on petitions you can also run as a Green Party candidate. We achieved ballot status in 1998, and are working to regain it in 2006. The percentage of people voting Green and the number of elected Greens continues to rise, and there are two Green Mayors in NY and Greens hold the majority on the New Paltz Village Board in Ulster County.

Green organizations are active in communities throughout New York, working on issues such as environmental protection, peace, education, universal health care, electoral and campaign finance reform, workers rights and local development. To become active in the Suffolk County Green Party, please contact us. (See the other side of this brochure for contact information.)

## The Green Agenda

### Democracy: Electoral and Campaign Finance Reform

Greens advocate democratic electoral systems used in other countries such as:

- Instant runoff voting
- Proportional representation (parties win legislative seats based on their percentage of the vote, ensuring minority views are represented)

Greens want to end corporate control of our elections and our public officials. We advocate:

- Public financing of campaigns
- Free television and radio time for ballot qualified candidates
- Same day voter registration
- Opening up the Presidential debates.

### Ecology: A Healthy Environment

Greens advocate an ecologically sustainable society:

- Conservation of our natural resources
- Freedom from toxic wastes, pesticides, nuclear energy and genetically engineered and irradiated foods
- Environmental justice: clean air and water for all creatures
- Halt global warming
- Greener cities – control urban sprawl; encourage mass transit, bicycling, recycling, community gardens and protection of natural habitats.

### Economic and Social Justice

Greens support:

- An economy that provides living wage jobs for all while protecting our environment:
- Workers' rights (e.g., the right to organize unions)
- Aid for small businesses
- Developing worker ownership and cooperatives.

- Quality health care, education, child care, and housing for everyone
- An end to childhood poverty
- Banning the import of goods from sweatshops, which use child and prison labor
- Celebration of diversity and prevention of racism and homophobia
- A woman's right to choose
- An end to the death penalty and the war on drugs
- Community control of our criminal justice system

### Nonviolence

The Greens oppose violence, whether it be military intervention to support multinational companies or force used to resolve personal disputes. The Greens support deep cuts in military spending to free up funds to reinvest in our communities and our schools. We must end the violence of guns in our community.



## History of the Green Party

The Green Party began in Europe in the early 1970's as an environmental, anti-nuclear, peace, and social justice grassroots movement. The Greens are now active in 75 countries. There are Greens in all 50 US states, claiming local and state offices in order to regain a voice in their communities. There are scores of Green elected officials nationally, including several in New York State.

## The Green Party in Suffolk

The Green Party in Suffolk looks forward to the opportunities present for change over the next few years. In 2007 we have the chance to focus on important local races and issues. The County Executive race is not a race. Local boards and village elections offer a chance for Greens in Suffolk to have a real impact. And of course we need to continue to lay the groundwork for future elections on the state and national levels.

The questions that need answering in Suffolk are numerous. The issue of immigration continues to be a hot one for Suffolk County, and too many of our elected officials spend their time turning up the heat for political gain, rather than working for fair and responsible solutions that will benefit and respect every individual in Suffolk.

The potential travesty of the Broadwater LNG facility still looms over Long Island Sound. Over-development still threatens our way of life. Pollutants, whether pesticides, toxic chemicals, underground spills, or long forgotten dump sites are a menace to the health of ourselves and our families.

The war in Iraq has taken some of Suffolk's youth, disrupted families, as well as cost Suffolk County almost 4 and 1/2 billion dollars.

If you support an alternative party, please consider how you can help. Petitioners will be needed to collect signatures this Summer. If you can open your home for a house party to raise funds and spread the word, please let us know. And of course if you have the means to contribute, please consider sending a donation.

**We can make grassroots democracy work!**

## Register To Vote Green

To register as a new Green voter, or to change your enrollment to Green, you must send a signed voter registration form to the Board of Elections. You can contact your local Board of Elections, or visit the Board online at [www.elections.state.ny.us/voting/voting.htm](http://www.elections.state.ny.us/voting/voting.htm) for a printable voter registration form.

## Run for Office

The Green Party looking for Greens to run for a variety of village, town, state, and federal offices. You can help get the Green message out, and help make the elections more meaningful and honest.

## Contact Us

Write: Green Party of Suffolk County  
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Email: [info@gpsuffolk.org](mailto:info@gpsuffolk.org)  
Web: [www.gpsuffolk.org](http://www.gpsuffolk.org)

## Contribute

Make checks payable to *Green Party of Suffolk County* and send to the address above.

- I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I would like to volunteer—please contact me.

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ecological  
Wisdom**

**Grassroots  
Democracy**

**Social &  
Economic Justice**

**Nonviolence**

**The Green Party of  
Suffolk County**