

Jennifer Wilson-Pines



Jennifer Wilson-Pines is the Executive Director of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, an inter-municipal group of 13 villages, the Town and County, focused on improving water quality in Manhasset Bay. From 1997 to 2006 she served four terms as a Trustee and Deputy Mayor of the Village of Manorhaven, representing Manorhaven on the Committee and serving as the Chair. She subsequently served 2 years as the village Commissioner of Environmental Affairs, until stepping into the Executive Director position in 2008. She represents MBPC as member of the Long Island Sound Study's Citizens Advisory Committee and sits on the LISS Management Committee Non-point source sub-committee. Recent projects included Boater Pollution Education, serving on the steering committee for the third annual Long Island Green Infrastructure Conference, and a joint grant with sister protection committees, CESSPOOL, focused on septic education.

She has been active with the North Shore Audubon Society since 1996, as President, co-President, vice president, conservation chair, newsletter editor, field trip leader, and educator. She co-authored three of Audubon New York's standing resolutions, focused on human/bird interactions, invasive issues, and Long Island Sound. She has written successful grants, including one for restoration of native habitat at Garvies Point Preserve in Glen Cove, and overseen numerous volunteer work groups. On behalf of North Shore Audubon and the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, she has been the beach captain for the Ocean Conservancy International Beach Clean Up at Manorhaven Beach since 1997.

In 2003, she co-founded the Port Washington Parks Conservancy with Myron Blumenfeld and Eric Pick, and currently serves as Chair. The PWPC's main focus has been Stannards Brook Park, which has undergone a million dollar restoration. She recently advised and supported an Eagle Scout project to improve stream flow and remove invasive plants at Stannards Brook. Other projects include an Asian Garden, to be the first in North Hempstead. The plans for the Asian Garden were accepted by the Town of North Hempstead, recognizing the expanding cultural diversity in Port Washington and the Town.

She has served on two North Hempstead Town Commissions, Waterfront Advisory and Ecological, since early 2000's. She was a board member of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington for many years and serves as an advisor to PW Green. She helped implement the Sheets Creek East clean up with Commissioner of Public Safety, and then Supervisor, Jon Kaiman. She was active in starting up the Nassau County wide GeesePeace program, and participated for many years on the Long Island Invasive Species Management group. She was honored by the EPA with an Outstanding Individual Award for Environmental Action in Region 2 and by the Science Museum of Nassau County with a 2013 Outstanding Advocate for Science & Technology Award. She is also active as a board member of the Port Washington Community Chest.

Jennifer is married to Jamie Pines and they have two daughters. They share their home with a rescued dog and several formerly feral cats that were trapped, neutered and NOT released. She is also an avid gardener and champion of native plants and naturalized wildlife friendly landscaping.