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Subject Rare Plant at Southampton Campus

Hi Gil:

I am a professor of biology at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, and the Vice President of the Long Island Botanical Society.

I just had occasion to visit via the internet the minutes and related information for the Stony Brook committee that you chair that deals with the campus environment, and when I read that someone had (or would) present a plan for the Southampton Campus to the committee, it occurred to me that you might be the right person for me to contact.

The edge of the Southampton campus hosts the only known occurrence in New York State of the Silvery Aster, *Symphyotrichum* (=Aster) concolor. I was last there about 4 years ago, and there still were a few plants. I presume that an environmental impact study had to be performed, but I also know that things like this can easily be missed.

It would be a shame if the population could not be preserved, and particularly so if it is unintentionally destroyed out of ignorance of its presence. Is this a matter that your committee ought to look into? Sincerely,

Orland ("Skip") Blanchard

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