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Robert Juliano  
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February 28, 2017

Dear Mr. Juliano,

For the past nine years Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County has been monitoring horseshoe crabs in partnership the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. We are writing to inform you that we will continue to monitor horseshoe crabs at Mt. Sinai Harbor this year. Our goal is to annually monitor spawning horseshoe crabs at various beaches throughout Long Island so that we can gain a better understanding of their abundance and distribution in the New York Marine District for conservation management.

We seek continued permission to temporarily utilize the parking area off of Crystal Brook Hollow Rd. (see attached map) on the evening of the surveys. Cornell Cooperative Extension staff, with the assistance of supervised volunteers, will be collecting data on horseshoe crabs at these sites. If issued temporary parking permits for this site, we will have staff and volunteers place them in the windshield of their parked vehicles at this time.

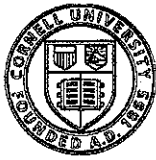
There are approximately 15 sample nights around the full and new moons between April and July (see attached schedule). Nighttime surveys start at various times, but typically take less than 2 hours. Due to the late evening and early mornings we respectfully request that arrangements be made with the police bureau to avoid any parking issues for our vehicles. For further inquiries on this study please visit [www.NYhorseshoecrab.org](http://www.NYhorseshoecrab.org) or contact me directly.

I have also sent a copy of this letter to Chief Constable Wally Tomaszewski. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Sclafani".

Matthew Sclafani, PhD.  
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**2017 Horseshoe Crab Survey Schedule – Mt Sinai**

5/8/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	10:53 PM	Full -2
5/11/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	12:11 AM	Full
5/13/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	1:25 AM	Full +2
5/23/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	10:11 PM	New -2
5/25/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	11:53 PM	New
5/28/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	1:38 AM	New +2
6/7/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	11:05 PM	Full -2
6/10/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	12:23 AM	Full
6/12/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	1:39 AM	Full +2
6/21/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	9:45 PM	New -2
6/23/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	11:34 PM	New
6/26/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	1:22 AM	New +2
7/7/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	11:18 PM	Full -2
7/10/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	12:37 AM	Full
7/12/2017	Mt. Sinai Harbor	1:55 AM	Full +2