

# REPORT ON BROADWATER PROJECT

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SURVEY RESEARCH REPORT



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## METHODOLOGY

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Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates conducted 1005 telephone interviews of New York voters, half living in Nassau and half in Suffolk County. The research was conducted on January 3 - 7, 2006. Margin of error for the entire sample is  $\pm 3.1\%$ .

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## ENERGY ATTITUDES

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**83/13%** of Long Island voters think a reliable supply of natural gas to their region is / is not important. **7%** of Long Island voters are unsure.

**83% important** (61% Very important + 22% Somewhat important)

**13% not important** (6% Not at all important + 7% Not very important)

**12/75%** of Long Island voters think / do not think enough is being done to increase energy supplies for the decades ahead. **13%** of Long Island voters are unsure.

**11/84%** of Long Island voters think / do not think enough is being done to address energy prices currently or not. **5%** of Long Island voters are unsure.

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## ATTITUDES TOWARD NATURAL GAS AS ENERGY SOURCE

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Does this apply to natural gas or not?	Strongly Applies	Applies/ Does Not Apply
Is safe	38	79/13
Is environmentally friendly	36	78/11
Is clean	57	87/5

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## OFFSHORE VS. ONSHORE CONTINUING IMPACT REVIEW

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**54/21%** of Long Island voters say that if they HAD to choose, they would prefer needed energy projects such as a facility to receive imports of natural gas be located miles offshore in the Long Island Sound / on shore in local communities. **25%** of Long Island voters are unsure.

*Long Island respondents were read the following passage:*

The construction of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal, known as Broadwater, is being proposed in the Long Island Sound, 9 miles off the coastline. Ships carrying super-cooled liquid natural gas would dock at the facility where the cargo would be stored and converted back into a gas before it is sent through an under water pipeline to local power plants, businesses and residential households. The amount of natural gas delivered would represent an additional 30 percent to what the New York area is already using.

Governmental agencies including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) recently issued an environmental report for the Broadwater project indicating it would have fewer environmental impacts than any alternatives considered to meet the region's energy needs without sacrificing air quality objectives. The Coast Guard concluded the Sound can be made suitable for the project.

Given this, **62/28%** of Long Island voters would support/oppose the construction of this project. **9%** are unsure.

**62% Support** (26% Strongly Support + 36% Somewhat Support)

**28% Oppose** (15% Strongly Oppose + 13% Somewhat Oppose)

**59/22%** of Long Island voters think the project is needed / not needed from what they know about the Broadwater project mentioned earlier. **18%** of Long Island voters are unsure.

*Long Island respondents were read the following passage:*

**Studies have shown that the Broadwater project could save New York residents approximately 300 dollars on their energy bills per year.**

Given this, **67/26%** of Long Island voters support/oppose the construction of this project. **8%** are unsure.

**67% Support** (34% Strongly Support + 33% Somewhat Support)

**26% Oppose** (15% Strongly Oppose + 11% Somewhat Oppose)