

Island Aid programs, according to agency staff. At other times, they would be involved in organized activities in the home, outings in local parks and other activities.

In other action, the board opposed a recent state Department of Environmental Conservation decision to grant a permit to build a sewage pipe to the developer of Surfside Village — formerly Point East Condominiums — in Tottenville. It approved a motion requesting the builder, Richard Brody of Willowbrook, and other builders, to make sure that all sanitary sewer lines empty at least 500 feet into the Raritan Bay. The distance would be measured from the shoreline at low tide.

"If a pipe is allowed to be laid

less than 500 feet, the people (of Staten Island) will forfeit the right to improve that beach for all time, and the area 500 feet in each direction will also be condemned," said Lou Figurelli, a board member.

Brody submitted a map to the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) April 26 showing a pipe that would run from a tertiary sewer treatment plant on the development site near Sprague Avenue to the Joline Avenue Beach in Tottenville. The pipe on the map would be only 265 feet long, as measured from the center of Surf Avenue, a street which runs along the water, to the point of discharge in the water, Figurelli said.

He and other members of the

board's environmental committee claimed that the developer's map was inaccurate and that according to the scale on the map, the pipe wasn't measured from the shoreline at low tide, didn't go far enough into the Raritan Bay, and wouldn't be submerged at all times.

The DEC issued a permit last month approving that plan and requiring that the pipe be extended into the water so that it is submerged at all times. But it did not specify that the pipe extend 500 feet into the water.

The board also complained that the DEC should have consulted with board members before issuing the permit.

The DEC usually consults with the board before issuing permits of this sort, Figurelli said.

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