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United States Army Corps of Engineers
Colonel David Caldwell
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York 10278

Dear Colonel Caldwell:

It has now been almost three years since Super Storm Sandy drastically impacted many of my constituents. As you know, expediting the Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP) project is critical for the entire Suffolk County coastline. Overall, the project involves 75 miles of coastline, both barrier beach and island mainland coastal area, and 80% of it is within the First Congressional District of New York.

At least \$700 million has been designated for the FIMP project. The anticipated draft of the General Reevaluation Report (GRR) will determine where the remaining \$600 million will be specifically designated. I am writing today, on behalf of my constituents and the local leadership with the various affected towns, to confirm that at least the following projects will be included in the draft GRR. These are not in any particular order, but I am requesting that these be included in the draft GRR.

- 1) Raising and restoring affected roads:
 - a) Dune Road in the Town of Southampton;
 - b) Riviera Drive in the Town of Brookhaven;
 - c) Other roads on the coastline requiring attention.
- 2) Dredging of Inlets for beach nourishment:
 - a) Moriches Inlet in the Town of Brookhaven;
 - b) The East End jetty at Patchogue River in the Town of Brookhaven;
 - c) Shinnecock Bay in the Town of Southampton;
 - d) Other inlets and rivers on the coastline requiring attention.
- 3) Construction of a jetty to protect Moriches Inlet in the Town of Brookhaven;
- 4) Affected bridges and overpasses that are in need of repairs and/or replacement, including, but not limited to:

- a) The Ponguogue Bridge in the Town of Southampton;
 - b) Smith Point Bridge in the Town of Brookhaven;
- 5) The elevation of homes in appropriate areas;
 - 6) Solutions to mitigate road run-off, drainage, and paving improvements along the coastal areas;
 - 7) Replenishment of the beach at Ditch Plains in Montauk;
 - 8) Addressing all coastal erosion issues including, but not limited to, beach nourishment for all areas where beach reconstruction projects are taking place and wetland reconstruction;
 - 9) Addressing wastewater treatment issues in Bellport and Mastic Beach;
 - 10) Repairing of the Ponquoque Bridge Fishing dock in the Town of Southampton;
 - 11) Addressing the concerns of Fire Island residents including, but not limited to, proper funding of beach nourishment for the community dune line;
 - 12) Conducting a sewer system study for the entire Fire Island Barrier Beach;
 - 13) Completion of the Smith Point County Park Project, Fire Island Stabilization Project, Downtown Montauk Beach Project, Montauk Lighthouse Point Project, Watch Hill Marina, Lake Montauk Harbor Project, and Hashamomuck Cove Project.

Furthermore, please confirm when the draft GRR will be completed. I would also request that the GRR study be sent to my office for review before or simultaneously as it is transmitted to New York State for approval.

In closing, I thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Addressing these issues is of paramount importance to my constituents, to our local economy, and to protecting the safety of my constituents and visitors.

I look forward to working with you and your agency on immediate and long term solutions with this project and on other critical issues. If you require any additional information, please contact Mark Woolley or William Doyle in my Long Island office at (631) 289-1097 or at mark.woolley@mail.house.gov or william.doyle@mail.house.gov, respectively.

Sincerely,



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