



GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$128 MILLION IN HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECTS ADVANCE FOR FEDERAL ACTION

Including....

\$40 MILLION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND PARK!!!

Governor Cuomo announced on Friday, April 11th, ten projects applied for through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program have been approved by the State and advanced for Federal action. The Program was designed to assist local governments and non-profit organizations rebuild stronger and more resilient communities following the recent natural disasters. The Village of Island Park's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application for flood protection for major infrastructure repair in the amount of \$40 million is one of said projects. The Village is optimistic that as our application advances to the federal level it will receive final approval for funding.

This is a tremendous accomplishment and undoubtedly an enormous leap in the right direction for the future of the Village of Island Park. Former Mayor Ruzicka and his administration worked diligently and tirelessly to ensure that our need was evident and that federal assistance was an absolute necessity to recover from the recent disasters and to ensure long-term resiliency in the face of whatever Mother Nature has in store for us. We would be remiss if we did not take the time to acknowledge and whole heartedly thank all the members of our community, our residents and business owners who took the time to fill out and return the property information inventories which were a vital component to the application process. Without the compilation of overall damage sustained, the Village would not have been able to demonstrate the level of devastation and the resulting dire need for assistance. We truly are the 'little Village that could...and did', and for that, we thank you.

Below please read an excerpt from the Governor's press release as it pertains to the proposed project for the Village of Island Park

Flood Protection for Major Infrastructure

Village of Island Park, Nassau County - \$40 million

“During Superstorm Sandy, the Village of Island Park was inundated with six-to-eight feet of sea water. Every home and business in Island Park was flooded, and the Village lost its elementary school, firehouse, Village Hall, and houses of worship. To date, more than 30 percent of residents have not returned. The damage to drainage and infrastructure systems has left the community exposed to increased flooding during normal rainfall events, as well as during major storms. The Village proposes a series of storm water, erosion and flood mitigation projects that will enhance flood protection for its community. Beginning with a comprehensive engineering study, the proposed action would include a thorough field examination of drainage systems and existing municipal bulkheads. Mitigation improvements may include tide gates, sub-surface storm water storage, bulkhead upgrades, and road raising.”