

Councilwoman Bonner Moves Forward with Storm Damage Assessment and Mitigation Projects in Miller Place, Rocky Point, Sound Beach and Shoreham

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Farmingville, NY - At the May 21 Board Meeting, the Town Board voted to adopt Councilwoman Jane Bonner's resolutions to approve Professional Service Requisitions (PSR) for services to be performed by three engineering firms; LK McLean Associates, P.C., D&B Engineers and Architects and Nelson and Pope for the assessment and mitigation of storm related damage in Council District 2 communities along the North Shore. The damage, which is a result of recent storms, including Super Storm Sandy, has led to infrastructure failure, bluff erosion and created limited access to Long Island Sound beaches. The firms will focus on these issues, as well as storm drain and outflow pipe damage that has caused excessive flooding in the most affected areas. Councilwoman Bonner and her staff will work in collaboration with the Town's Highway Department on all projects.

"I'm happy that these projects will finally move forward so we can fix the problems that we have and prevent further damage from occurring," said Councilwoman Bonner. "Storm water runoff causes erosion and has a negative affect on the water quality of the Sound, resulting in more pollutants and the need to close beaches for public health and safety reasons. If it continues unabated, there will be a severe impact on the delicate ecology of the Sound, as well as the income that many of our residents derive from its waters. I look forward to working with the Highway Department to turn the tide and help bring these projects to completion as soon as possible."

"Irene, Sandy and the Nor'easters have caused so much damage throughout the Town," said Supervisor Romaine. "At least we can start getting things back to normal for the residents on the North Shore who have been most affected and inconvenienced by ongoing flooding and erosion."

The locations that the firms will focus on are at Broadway, Friendship Drive and Hallock Landing Road in Rocky Point; Sills Gully in Shoreham; Gully Landing in Miller Place; and Riverhead Road and Amagansett Drive in Sound Beach. The Town expects to receive FEMA reimbursement for work done on the projects.

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