

Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Loguercio Visit Upper Lake Spillway Reconstruction Project in Yaphank

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Farmingville, NY – Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilman Michael Loguercio (left) recently went to Upper Lake in Yaphank to see the work being done on the spillway reconstruction project. Due to its age and size, the old spillway was failing because it was too small for floodwaters to pass through. The new spillway will have more capacity and added resiliency which will prevent flooding during times of intense rainfall.

The second project at Upper Lake will be the installation of a fish passage, known commonly as a fish ladder. It is part of a larger effort to restore the ecological connectivity of the Carmans River. American Eels, native Brook Trout and River Herring are expected to use and benefit from the installation of the fish passage. Together the series of fish passages on the lakes of the Carmans River will

allow fish and eels to move throughout the system for the first time in nearly 300 years.

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