

Superintendent Losquadro and Councilman Foley Tour Fire Island Inspecting Damage from Winter Storms, Repairs Made to Walkways and Staircases

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro and Councilman Neil Foley toured Fire Island last week, inspecting the damage caused by several shore-pounding nor'easters that have swept across the narrow South Shore island over the past few winter seasons.

Recent staircase and walkway improvements have been completed in order to ready the area for its peak summer season. The Town of Brookhaven Highway Department is responsible for the maintenance of all boardwalks and concrete walkways across Fire Island's 32 miles within the Town.

"The extreme weather we've experienced these past few winters has been particularly hard on many Fire Island communities," said Losquadro. "Since last season, my crews have repaired nearly 2,000 feet of severely damaged walkways."

Following Superstorm Sandy, all staircases and boardwalks that were repaired due to structural issues have also been expanded from a width of six feet to seven feet, Losquadro said, noting this change was made to better accommodate emergency vehicles.

"With these staircase and walkway improvements, Fire Island will continue to thrive as one of the premier recreation destinations in the region," said Councilman Neil Foley. "I'm immensely grateful to Superintendent Losquadro and the dedicated men and women of our Highway Department for their enduring efforts."

"My crews will continue to inspect and repair staircases and upgrade walkways to ensure the safety of all Fire Island residents and visitors," Losquadro said.

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