Statement from Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine

Farmingville, NY - "As a result of the devastating fire in Cherry Grove, a number of homes and businesses have been lost or sustained severe damage. I want to assure those who are affected that the Town of Brookhaven is committed to helping you recover. We will streamline the planning and building permit process, so rebuilding can be done as quickly as possible. In November of 2011, a similar fire devastated the Fire Island Pines commercial district. I have put in place the same team that helped the Pines rebuild, led by former Building Commissioner Martin Haley, to help Cherry Grove as well. I have also directed our Industrial Development Agency to look into any available benefits that will assist the businesses. Finally, I would like to commend the firefighters and first responders for their heroic actions to bring this difficult and dangerous fire under control before more damage could be done."

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