



Governor's Office of
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Governor's Office of Storm Recovery Announces Completion of \$1.8 Million Flood Mitigation Project in Delaware County

Bull Run Channel Stabilization and Restoration Will Improve Drainage and Reduce Flooding

Margaretville, N.Y. - The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) today announced the completion of a \$1.8 million project to address flood damage to the Bull Run Channel and Stream Bank in Margaretville, Delaware County. The improvements included the repairing and replacing of the channel's retaining wall, as well as regrading and stabilizing the stream bank, which will reduce flood risk and enhance its resiliency and tolerance of future flooding.

GOSR Executive Director Katie Brennan said, "We are proud that our grassroots, neighborhood-driven process is helping to reduce flooding and protect the Margaretville community. Through these targeted investments across the state, Governor Hochul is improving the resiliency of our communities and protecting waterways like the Bull Run Channel from impacts of future storms."

During Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, the Bull Run Channel flooded, rendering it impassable. Sediment dredged up by the storm blocked the stream. As a result, homes and businesses throughout Margaretville were damaged by the ensuing floods.

In addition to replacing portions of the channel's retaining wall and stabilizing the stream bank, the project also included the installation of stone fill and the removal debris from the channel.

The upgrades to the channel and stream bank improve drainage and allow water to flow more freely. The channel's repaired retaining wall and restored stream bank are now better able to withstand flooding future emergencies and can better protect the community from flooding.

Senator Peter Oberacker said, "When rebuilding from catastrophic storms, like Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, it is vital that we make repairs to keep our communities safe in the short and long term. This state investment shores up the Bull Run Channel and will provide Margaretville residents and business owners with peace of mind moving forward."

Assemblymember Chris Tague said, "I am very glad to hear that the project to repair and improve the Bull Run Channel and Stream Bank has reached its completion, providing a more effective means of mitigating the threat of flooding during times of heavy rainfall. I thank everyone from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery for their hard work to make this project a reality, and in doing so giving us all more peace of mind about whatever Mother Nature may throw at us in the future."

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Chair Tina Molè said, "The Bull Run Channel project exemplifies the type of project that can provide resiliency while enhancing the community. Additionally, it provides

for both the safety and beauty of the region. We are genuinely pleased with the outcome and support the installation of similar projects in other communities to protect the lives, homes, and businesses that make up our great county.”

Village of Margaretville Mayor John Hubbell said, “The Village of Margaretville is proud and honored to have worked with GOSR to implement and complete a very necessary and cost-prohibitive project. It will not only enhance the protection of property but also provide a sense of security to those who live with the fear of losing their property due to flooding. Our experience working with GOSR and our consultants has been a positive one, with all of us learning to think outside the box, opening dialogue with our community, and working together to achieve a common goal.”

About GOSR

Established in June 2013, GOSR coordinates statewide recovery efforts for Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee. Through its NY Rising Housing Recovery, Small Business, Community Reconstruction, Infrastructure, and Rebuild by Design programs, GOSR invests \$4.5 billion in federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funding to better prepare New York for extreme weather events. More information about GOSR and its programs is available at <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/>.

Through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) and Infrastructure Programs, the State takes on a variety of initiatives developed during its bottom-up community planning process to improve resiliency, protect critical infrastructure, mitigate the risks of loss and damage associated with future disasters, and reduce hardship.

Now in the implementation stage, GOSR works with a variety of municipal, county, and non-profit partners to bring hundreds of locally devised proposals to fruition.

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