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Long Island Project Updates Summer 2017

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery's NY Rising Community Reconstruction Team is pleased to share our second Long Island regional newsletter. Included here are updates on 70 projects being implemented with CDBG-Disaster Recovery funds to make your communities stronger and more resilient.

View our full list of projects here!

To learn more about the NYRCR Program and to view the NYRCR Plans, visit www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/community-reconstruction-program.

Project Spotlight

American Venice Bridges

Subrecipient: Town of Babylon





GOSR and the Town of Babylon are working together to deconstruct the two American Venice Bridges and construct new replacement bridges in their place.

During Sandy, these bridges were the only way to access the Copiague neighborhoods. Due to flooding within the community, residents were trapped because the bridges' load capacity could not support emergency vehicles. Recovery Operations were also impeded after Sandy because of limited load capacity.

The proposed project will increase the load capacity of the bridges so that residents can evacuate more easily and/or receive emergency services during future storms.

This project is expected to increase resiliency and reduce risk to the community, and directly benefit 600 households that are located in that area. The entire community will also benefit by constructing a bridge system that is current with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standard Specifications for safety and disaster preparedness.

Construction to begin September 2017

Project Spotlight

Freeport Outage Management System

Subrecipient: Village of Freeport



GOSR and the Village of Freeport have been working together to purchase and install a new outage management system.

This system will allow personnel to have the tools to easily find needed information, record observations and activities, document, and ultimately report on all aspects of the event and associated recovery effort.

It will include new hardware and software to integrate with the existing customer information and geographic information systems used by the town, as well provide training for the staff that will ultimately operate the new system.

This project will help improve the resiliency and recovery process in the Village of Freeport. It will reduce the duration of power outages and other utility damage during and after future storm events. Also the OMS system will enable the Village to more quickly respond to events and disturbances allowing for faster emergency response. Economic benefits include being able to safely and remotely isolate and power down portions of the service area, therefore extending the lifespan of Freeport Electric's infrastructure.

System installation to begin Fall 2017

Update Since the Last Newsletter

Oakdale/West Sayville Backflow Prevention/Check Valves for Storm Drainage Systems

Since the last newsletter, the Oakdale/West Sayville Backflow Prevention/Check Valves for Storm Drainage Systems has received the notice to proceed. Construction is to start **September 2017** and the GOSR team is very excited to see ground breaking on this project.

As stated in the last newsletter, this project will help enhance the existing drainage system to alleviate current and future flooding. Through the installation of 11 check valves, stormwater collected in the catch basins will only be able to flow in one direction: away from neighborhoods through the drainage pipes and to the outfall points. These retrofits will reduce flooding, pollutant loading in runoff, and damage to property and roadways.

Past Meetings

South Valley Stream NYRCR
Committee
April 24, 2017

During this meeting, GOSR and the Town of Hempstead provided an update to the

Barnum Island / Harbor Isle Drainage
Improvement Public Meeting
April 26, 2017

Representatives from Nassau County held a public meeting at the Island Park Library to provide a status update on the Barnum

South Valley Stream NYRCR committee on the Path to the Park Project.

Island / Harbor Isle Drainage Improvement Project.

**Bellmore Merrick Community Reconstruction Committee Update
May 30, 2017**

**Oceanside Drainage Improvements
July 19, 2017**

The Town of Hempstead provided an update to the Bellmore Merrick Community Reconstruction Committee on the South of Merrick Road Outfall, Bulkhead and Stormwater Drainage Survey, and the Inspection and Check Valve Installation project.

Representatives from GOSR and the Town of Hempstead attended a meeting of Oceanside A.C.T.I.O.N. and presented on the status of the Oceanside Drainage Improvement project.

**Diversity and Civil Rights Outreach Event: Town of Hempstead
May 2, 2017**

GOSR Office of Diversity and Civil Rights and the Town of Hempstead hosted a Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) and Section 3 Outreach and Networking Event. Information was provided about resources available to M/WBE and Section 3 companies through NYS and Nassau County governments, and the Town of Hempstead highlighted over \$40 million dollars in upcoming construction projects being funded through the NYRCR program.



Event speakers including representatives from GOSR, Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead



Subrecipients from the Village of East Rockaway, the Village of Amityville, the Town of Babylon, the Village of

**Diversity and Civil Rights Outreach Event: Suffolk County
July 27, 2017**

During this event, Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) and Section 3 Businesses had the opportunity to meet with existing GOSR Contractors and become updated on contracting opportunities.

The GOSR Contractors also provided information on their current contracts regarding the Housing, Infrastructure, and Community Reconstruction programs.

Lindenhurst, the Town of Islip, and the Town of Islip Housing Authority met in Farmingdale on July 27, 2017.

New York State-certified M/WBEs, Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs), and Section 3 Businesses were all in attendance at the Diversity Outreach Event.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, within the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, is a \$700 million+ grassroots planning and implementation program that empowers local residents and community leaders to directly impact their communities' futures and create stronger, more resilient places to live and work.

On Long Island, 22 NYRCR Communities—13 in Nassau and 9 in Suffolk—have been established, comprising 42 disaster-affected localities. Long Island NY Rising Communities are eligible to receive up to approximately \$250 million to construct and implement projects in the NYRCR Plans.

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