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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY ANNOUNCES 26 LOCAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS TOTALING NEARLY \$100 MILLION FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON LONG ISLAND**

*NY Rising Community Reconstruction program signs agreements with 12 Long Island subrecipients, as first step in implementation phase for projects.*

New York, NY (March 3, 2015) – The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) today announced Long Island's first 26 projects, totaling nearly \$100 million, to be implemented through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program—a grassroots undertaking that empowers localities to increase their physical, social and economic resilience following impacts from Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

The more than \$700 million NYRCR Program has identified and finalized agreements with 12 Long Island subrecipients, who will execute the projects with support from New York State. The signing of the agreements is the first official step in bringing the proposals to fruition—with the State offering additional resources to promote the progress being made.

“From the very beginning of the State's recovery, the Governor asserted that top-down responses must be balanced with a healthy mix of bottom-up planning,” said Executive Director of GOSR, Jamie Rubin. “The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program speaks to the importance of community-driven proposals, and empowers those who know their regions best. We are pleased to see Long Island's first 26 projects move toward implementation, as we continue our work to make Long Island stronger and more resilient than ever before.”

The implementation phase comes after eight months of bottom-up planning—an effort that enabled local residents and community leaders to become actively involved in the recovery and resiliency process and integrate local needs into final NYRCR Plans.

Throughout New York, a total of 66 NYRCR Communities (representing 124 disaster-affected localities) have collectively taken part in Rounds I and II of the NYRCR Program. As part of the initiative, NYRCR Communities are led by local Planning Committees, who work alongside State planners and world-renowned planning firms to develop actionable proposals. Each locality is eligible to receive between \$3 million and \$25 million (based on estimates of federally-assessed storm damage) to implement eligible projects.

On Long Island, 22 NYRCR communities—13 in Nassau County and 9 in Suffolk County—represent 42 disaster-affected localities and are eligible to receive up to approximately \$250 million. Projects will be implemented on a staggered basis, up to the community's pre-determined allotment.

Across the State, more than 650 New Yorkers have represented their communities by serving on NYRCR Committees and have participated in nearly 650 Planning Committee Meetings. Committees also held 250 heavily-publicized Public Engagement Events, which attracted thousands of community members that wished to provide feedback on the planning process and project proposals.

GOSR will also provide additional resources to facilitate the implementation of NYRCR projects, thereby supplementing the allotment of each NYRCR Community. As such, the NYRCR Program will provide subrecipients with project coordinators, who will offer technical assistance that focuses on the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. The NYRCR Program will also fund and carry out the federal and State environmental reviews on all projects as well as provide staffing support to subrecipients for NYRCR Program-specific work. This aid maximizes investments into the projects themselves, while ensuring that funding is being effectively spent on the hard and soft costs of project design and construction.

Communities unveiled their final NYRCR Plans to Governor Cuomo at the Spring 2014 NYRCR Conference. Long Island communities' allotments—\$249.1 million in total—and initial 26 NYRCR projects (amounting to an estimated cost of \$98.1 million) are listed below. Estimated costs and project scopes are subject to change as project applications are developed.

#### **NASSAU COUNTY NYRCR COMMUNITIES (Total allotment of \$197.6 million)**

*Baldwin (Baldwin, Baldwin Harbor) NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$10.6 million*

##### Baldwin Downtown and Commercial Corridor Resiliency Plan

Estimated Cost: \$800,000

Subrecipient: Nassau County

Description: Prepare a resiliency study to plan for the long-term future of the commercial corridors in Baldwin with a focus on Baldwin's downtown area.

##### East Baldwin Road Raising

Estimated Cost: \$2 million

Subrecipient: Town of Hempstead

Description: Raise road and construct associated drainage improvements to mitigate flooding.

*Barnum Island/Oceanside/Village of Island Park/Harbor Isle NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$36.6 million*

##### Drainage Improvements in Barnum Island, Village of Island Park and Harbor Isle

Estimated Cost: \$9,910,000

Subrecipient: Nassau County

Description: Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the stormwater drainage system and construct improvements to reduce flooding in low-lying areas. Includes a potential pilot study/project to implement green infrastructure and pervious paving.

Drainage Improvements in Oceanside

Estimated Cost: \$10,320,000

Subrecipient: Town of Hempstead

Description: Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the stormwater drainage system and construct improvements to reduce flooding in low-lying areas. Includes a potential pilot study/project to implement green infrastructure and pervious paving.

*Bay Park/Village of East Rockaway NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$6.7 million*

East Rockaway/Bay Park Hydrology and Hydraulic Study and Lawson Avenue Drainage Improvements

Estimated Cost: \$400,000

Subrecipient: Nassau County

Description: Study the hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) systems affecting the Village of East Rockaway and Bay Park to gain a watershed-level understanding of the hydrology and hydraulics affecting this area within the community. The H&H study will provide feasible interventions to address the stormwater inadequacies, which will inform future stormwater management projects. Additionally, check valves will be installed at the outfalls that drain from Lawson Avenue into Thixton Creek to address the known flooding of Lawson Avenue and adjacent streets. The check valves will prevent tidal waters from entering the stormwater system while allowing stormwater to exit the system during low tides.

*Bellmore/Merrick NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$12.1 million*

*Seaford/Wantagh NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$11.2 million*

South of Merrick Road Drainage Improvements in Bellmore, Merrick, Seaford and Wantagh

Estimated Cost: \$6,250,000

Subrecipient: Town of Hempstead

Description: Survey and inspect the location, condition, and elevation of the community's drainage system south of Merrick Road, including outfalls, bulkheads, underground pipes, manholes, and catch basins. Repair and install check valves in key locations.

*Five Towns (Cedarhurst, Hewlett, Hewlett Harbor, Hewlett Neck, Inwood, Lawrence, Meadowmere Park, Woodmere) NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$27.6 million*

Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrade in Cedarhurst, Hewlett, Village of Hewlett Neck, Inwood, Village of Lawrence and Woodmere

Estimated Cost: \$17,450,000

Subrecipient: Nassau County

Description: Implement a series of interventions across the Five Towns community to address stormwater issues. There are many ways to deal with upgrading the stormwater infrastructure in the communities that comprise the Five Towns. The communities' projects to mitigate flooding do not pursue a one-size-fits-all approach and are tailored to the unique geographies and built environments of a given community. Some ways that would mitigate stormwater are: increased pipe capacity and upgrades to outfalls; pervious paving, which substitutes the basic impermeable asphalt with materials that allow the movement of stormwater from the surface into the ground where it belongs; and bioswales and rain gardens, which will not only provide absorption from stormwater runoff, but also serve to enhance the beauty and cultural gathering locations in the community. The project will construct targeted drainage improvements based upon the findings of feasibility and hydrologic and hydraulic studies.

Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrades in Village of Hewlett Harbor

Estimated Cost: \$3 million

Subrecipient: Village of Hewlett Harbor

Description: Implement the recommendations of Hewlett Harbor's existing engineering study. Includes flood protections at Village Hall, which is composed of re-grading the Village Hall property and directing stormwater into green infrastructure detention areas.

Meadowmere Park Power Generation

Estimated Cost: \$500,000

Subrecipient: Town of Hempstead

Description: Establish a potential microgrid node to provide backup power supply for the Meadowmere Park Fire House via installation of fixed power generation.

*Freeport NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$17.8 million*

Freeport Electrical Cable Channel Crossing Improvements

Estimated Cost: \$3 million

Subrecipient: Village of Freeport

Description: Extend the buried portion of the electrical cables beyond the boat yard to protect the lines from freed boats and debris during storm surges.

*Lido Beach/Point Lookout NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$6 million*

Revetment Repair/Reconstruction in Lido Beach and Point Lookout

Estimated Cost: \$3.8 million

Subrecipient: Town of Hempstead

Description: Construct sections of rock revetment at northeast end of Point Lookout for protection of homes, businesses, and recreational facilities.

*Long Beach NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$25 million*

Bulkheading (North Shore) in Long Beach

Estimated Cost: \$12,450,000

Subrecipient: City of Long Beach

Description: Provide installation, replacement, and improvement to bulkheads for the north shore of Long Beach for storm protection.

*Massapequas (East Massapequa, Massapequa, Massapequa Park) NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$26 million*

Permanent Generators for Critical Community Facilities in Massapequa, East Massapequa and Village of Massapequa Park

Estimated Cost: \$2 million

Subrecipient: Town of Oyster Bay

Description: Ensure that critical facilities have backup power during and after major storm events by purchasing and installing permanent generators on the roofs or upper floors of critical assets and evacuation sites, which will prevent flood damage to the generators during storm events.

*South Valley Stream NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$6 million\**

Natural Shoreline Restoration Along “The Path” in South Valley Stream

Estimated Cost: \$1.7 million

Subrecipient: Town of Hempstead

Description: Restore the natural shoreline along “The Path” by constructing a living shoreline to buffer tidal flow, planting trees and other vegetation, repairing outfalls, and installing green infrastructure measures with educational signage to capture stormwater runoff.

*\*Allotment includes \$3 million of NY Rising to the Top (NYRTTT) award funding. As part of the NYRTTT competition, the South Valley Stream NYRCR Community was recognized in the “Green Infrastructure” category.*

*Village of Atlantic Beach/Atlantic Beach Estates/East Atlantic Beach NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$9 million*

Hardening of Greater Atlantic Beach Water Reclamation Plant

Estimated Cost: \$720,000

Subrecipient: Greater Atlantic Beach Water Reclamation District

Description: Provide increased resiliency to the existing Water Reclamation Plant and three pump stations to allow for their functionality during rain and hazard events.

*Village of Bayville NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$3 million*

Construction of New Pump Station in Village of Bayville

Estimated Cost: \$2.5 million

Subrecipient: Village of Bayville

Description: Construct a pump station(s) to increase the community's resiliency and mitigate the flooding of roads, homes, and businesses by controlling stormwater flow. The optimal pump location and size will be determined by an engineering study.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY NYRCR COMMUNITIES (Total allotment of \$51.5 million)**

*Fire Island NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$3 million*

Backup Power Generation for Critical Facilities on Fire Island

Estimated Cost: \$610,000

Subrecipient: Village of Saltaire

Description: Purchase and install fixed generators for key facilities on Fire Island.

*Greater Bay Shore NYRCR Community [Round II] – Total allotment of \$3 million*

Greater Bay Shore Generator Resiliency Project

Estimated Cost: \$1,425,000

Subrecipient: Town of Islip

Description: Purchase and install fixed generators at key facilities in the Greater Bay Shore community.

*Mastic Beach/Smith Point of Shirley NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$3 million*

Stormwater Management Plan and Construction of Improvements in Mastic Beach/Smith Point of Shirley

Estimated Cost: \$1 million

Subrecipient: DASNY

Description: Prepare a stormwater management plan that will recommend green and grey improvements as well as identify parcels that could serve as both neighborhood parks/playgrounds and as a stormwater storage facilities. Construct a selection of improvements recommended in the stormwater management plan.

*Oakdale/West Sayville NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$6 million\**

Check Valves on Drainage Outfalls in Oakdale/West Sayville

Estimated Cost: \$300,000

Subrecipient: Town of Islip

Description: Identify stormwater outfall pipes that are subject to tidal/storm surge inundation via reverse flow. Install check valves in selected locations.

*\*Allotment includes \$3 million of NY Rising to the Top (NYRTTT) award funding. As part of the NYRTTT competition, the Oakdale/West Sayville NYRCR Community was recognized in the “Innovative Financing” category.*

*Village of Amityville/Copiague NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$14.1 million*

Waterfront Resiliency Improvements in Village of Amityville

Estimated Cost: \$3 million

Subrecipient: Town of Babylon

Description: Rehabilitate and/or raise public built protective systems, such as bulkheads, in targeted locations.

American Venice Bridges Improvements in Copiague

Estimated Cost: \$8 million

Subrecipient: Town of Babylon

Description: Rehabilitate or replace bridges in the American Venice area of Copiague at East Riviera Drive and West Riviera Drive, which currently have weight restrictions which do not permit use by certain rescue and emergency trucks and disaster recovery vehicles.

*Village of Babylon/West Babylon NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$10.2 million*

*West Gilgo to Captree NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$3 million*

Generators for Critical Facilities in Village of Babylon and West Gilgo to Captree Communities

Estimated Cost: \$1,125,000

Subrecipient: Town of Babylon

Description: Purchase and install fixed generators for key facilities in the Village of Babylon and West Gilgo to Captree communities.

Carlls River Tributary/Watershed Project

Estimated Cost: \$3,505,000

Subrecipient: Town of Babylon

Description: This multi-phase infrastructure improvement project would repair flood gate/controls at Argyle Lake and Southards Pond, dam repairs at Argyle Lake and Elda Lake, and construct stormwater wetlands at NYS Route 27.

*Village of Lindenhurst NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$6.1 million*

Comprehensive Drainage Infrastructure Master Plan and Construction of Phase 1 Improvements in Village of Lindenhurst

Estimated Cost: \$1 million

Subrecipient: Town of Babylon

Description: Conduct a comprehensive drainage system survey to assess the current condition of stormwater system infrastructure throughout the entire Village of Lindenhurst and to create a master plan for repairs, upgrades, and maintenance. Construct a selection of drainage improvements recommended in the master plan.

*West Islip NYRCR Community – Total allotment of \$3.1 million*

Community-Wide Drainage Plan and Construction of Phase 1 Improvements in West Islip

Estimated Cost: \$1.3 million

Subrecipient: Town of Islip

Description: Prepare a long-term capital improvement plan focused on drainage that incorporates the entire natural (e.g., creeks and open space) and built drainage infrastructure (e.g., storm drains, pipes, pumps, and outfalls) to establish the blueprint for significant long-term investments. Construct a selection of the interventions recommended in the drainage-focused long-term capital improvement plan.

“I am proud of our residents who answered the call of action and are helping pave the way for these essential infrastructure projects,” said Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano. “I thank Governor Cuomo for providing the funding for these important community improvement projects.”

"These NY Rising Community Reconstruction projects have been done with an unprecedented level of attention to community engagement and planning. I am happy to see these projects moving forward and

am particularly excited for the community leaders who have dedicated untold and uncompensated months of hard work to improve their communities,” said Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone. “I applaud Governor Cuomo and his entire Storm Recovery team for their dedication to engaging communities and rebuilding stronger.”

“I am encouraged by today’s announcement, which represents the most coordinated investment in planning, infrastructure, and mitigation measures within my district in a generation,” said New York State Senate Majority Leader Dean G. Skelos. “These projects, when complete, will provide needed improvements and safeguards to prevent the massive destruction that we all saw when Superstorm Sandy ravaged the South Shore over two years ago. I thank the many local community partners who participated in this process and look forward to seeing these projects completed as expeditiously as possible.”

“I am pleased that these long-awaited NY Rising Community Reconstruction projects, which will help the residents of the Eighth Senate District, are moving forward,” said New York State Senator Michael Venditto. “While these projects represent movement in the right direction, we can and must do more. Our job is not done until every community is repaired, every neighbor is back home, and these projects today represent a good start.”

“I’m pleased that the first projects identified for the Mastic Beach/Smith Point of Shirley and Oakdale/West Sayville areas will directly address flooding, a chronic problem in these low-lying areas,” said New York State Senator Tom Croci. “The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plans are the product of many hours of work, and I’d like to sincerely thank the dedicated residents from the Mastic Beach/Smith Point of Shirley and Oakdale/West Sayville areas who are serving on their local NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committees.”

“This is an opportunity for the State to continue its mission to rebuild our communities in the wake of Superstorm Sandy,” said New York State Assemblymember Joseph Saladino. “We have a long way to go to assist with residents’ homes, assist businesses and deliver NY Rising Community Reconstruction projects, which will help regionally in the event of another disaster. I will continue my resolve to keep storm victims an important priority of our State.”

“The devastating effects of recent natural disasters are reasons why it is necessary to put in the time, effort, and resources that will best protect our homes and neighborhoods,” said New York State Assemblymember Michaelle Solages. “The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program on Long Island has provided residents with the tools needed to build stronger and more resilient communities. Local members of the community collaborated and developed a grassroots reconstruction plan that will help us to rebuild smarter. I applaud Governor Cuomo, as well as the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery, for making this initiative a top priority, and I am confident that together we can indeed build a safer and stronger New York State.”

“I am grateful for the funding from the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery to help rebuild our communities and fortify them against future storms,” said New York State Assemblymember Todd Kaminsky. “More than two years after Superstorm Sandy, the damage and lasting effects are still obvious, and the continued support from the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery is appreciated. I look forward to working with the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery to ensure that the south shore communities are prepared for future storms to protect our residents and businesses.”

“We are grateful to Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program for providing grant funds for communities that were hit hard by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee,” said Town of Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray. “We are confident that these funds will go a long way toward helping our communities recover, as well as helping us protect against future storm damage.”

“Rebuilding Long Beach stronger, smarter, and safer means securing our entire City,” said Long Beach City Manager Jack Schnirman. “The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program has been a critical component in our recovery, bringing the community together with experts and working together to protect our barrier island. The bulkhead project we are now embarking on helps us advance toward our goal of becoming a model of resiliency and sustainability.”

“The Town of Babylon is very excited about the resiliency projects moving forward funded by the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery,” said Town of Babylon Supervisor Richard Schaffer. “The projects, formulated and crafted from the ground-up by local citizen representatives, will help ensure that the Town of Babylon and three villages are better protected from future storms like Superstorm Sandy. Thank you, Governor Cuomo, and all the Town of Babylon residents that participated in the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program’s planning process; we are better for your efforts and for your commitment to your neighbors.”

“After eight months of dedicated work by the Fire Island NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee, we are incredibly excited that the urgent needs of the 17 communities of Fire Island will be addressed by providing permanent generators to key facilities,” said Village of Saltaire Mayor Robert Cox. “I thank Governor Cuomo and his incredible team for their ongoing support and for realizing the importance of enabling the local Fire Island communities to be better prepared for the next storm event. The Fire Island NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee has spoken and it was heard.”

“The Village of Lindenhurst is eager for the Comprehensive Drainage Infrastructure engineering study to begin,” said Village of Lindenhurst Mayor Thomas Brennan. “A thorough and detailed review of our current drainage system will enable us to determine what improvements and modifications need to be implemented to help protect us against future flood storms. Funded through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, this project was identified by the Village of Lindenhurst NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee as an immediate and important task to be undertaken. We are appreciative of the efforts of New York State to secure the funding for this important work.”

“The Incorporated Village of Bayville is pleased to be partnering with the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery and the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program in implementing stormwater management improvement projects to our community,” said Village of Bayville Mayor Paul Rupp. “The Village Board believes this pump station project is an important step in Bayville’s ongoing efforts to protect its residents from the natural hazards faced by our community. As we all know, recovering from storms and preparing for ones to come is an ongoing process. We look forward to working with the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery and the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program in the future to further improve Bayville’s resiliency.”

“As a south shore-facing community that experiences significant impact from rain storms and coastal flooding, Hewlett Harbor, in the Five Towns area of Long Island, and its residents will greatly benefit from the infrastructure upgrades that will be made possible as a result of our village’s receiving money

and expertise from the State's NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program," said Village of Hewlett Harbor Mayor Mark Weiss. "Like so many others throughout the State, many of our residents have endured tremendous hardship from the likes of Sandy and other weather-related events. We appreciate Governor Cuomo's aggressiveness and sensitivity, and the commitment of funding for hyper-local mitigation programs."

"The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program has helped our community to have its opinion count regarding the improvements to be made to the infrastructure in our area," said Greater Atlantic Beach Reclamation District Chairman Scott Mason. "The funds that the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program is providing, enables us to make improvements for storm resilience without burdening our local taxpayers."

"The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, developed through the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, is providing the financial and engineering impetus that will permit the Incorporated Village of Island Park to rehabilitate its drainage system," said Village of Island Park Mayor Michael McGinty. "This village-wide improvement will inure to the safety of our residents, and protect their homes. Their homes are our residents' most valuable asset and as such this funding commitment will help to keep our Village the vibrant seaside community it is. The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program is on the leading edge of the shared services concept as promulgated by Governor Cuomo. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his compassion and foresight."

"The Hydrology and Hydraulic Study and Lawson Avenue Check Valves will help mitigate the severe flooding conditions caused by storms and high tides in our community," said Village of East Rockaway Mayor Francis T. Lenahan Jr. "The residents of East Rockaway have endured these adverse conditions for many years. I would like to thank the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program and our NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee for their hard work and commitment to supporting the implementation of this project."

"We are excited about moving forward with the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program," said Village of Massapequa Park Mayor Jeffrey Pravato. "Our Massapequas Planning Committee worked hard in identifying projects that will enable the Massapequas to be more resilient, and it is important to us to begin implementing those projects."

"The Hardening of the Water Reclamation Plant in Atlantic Beach is important to the entire community, as this facility serves all parts of Atlantic Beach," said Village of Atlantic Beach Mayor George Pappas. "Hardening the plant will limit the bypass of raw or partially-treated sewage into our waterways. This project also prevents pollutants from contaminating the health of plants and animals in the coastal ecosystem, reduces the exposure of the facility to future storms by elevating the backup power sources and installing watertight doors to help prevent these facilities from flooding, and limits health risks to the residents of Atlantic Beach."

"Atlantic Beach is thankful to the Governor for the opportunity to provide the necessary and critical resident input to help rebuild our waterfront community and mitigate our future losses from devastating storms such as Sandy," said Jonathan Kohan and Anthony Licatesi, Co-Chairs of the Atlantic Beach/ East Atlantic Beach/ Atlantic Beach Estates NYRCR Planning Committee. "Our first project, the hardening of our water reclamation plant, will protect the public from future storms by providing redundant power generation capabilities and insulate critical equipment from future flood damage while ensuring that the community remains environmentally safe."

“We are very happy that the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program selected two important projects from the Baldwin NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan for implementation,” said David Viana, Co-Chair of the Baldwin NYRCR Planning Committee. “We look forward to working with New York State, Nassau County, and the Town of Hempstead to see these projects through. We thank Governor Cuomo and the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery for all of their work with this program.”

“I am glad that these critical Baldwin projects will be receiving funding from the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program,” said Erik Mahler, Co-Chair of the Baldwin NYRCR Planning Committee. “The Baldwin NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan contains many projects that could help alleviate the devastation of coastal flooding and encourage social and economic development. We look forward to more projects being implemented in the future.”

“The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program is coming to fruition,” said Ed Zangrillo, Chair of the Bay Park/ Village of East Rockaway NYRCR Planning Committee. “After countless hours and invaluable input from residents, professionals, and concerned individuals, the Bay Park/Village of East Rockaway area is going to receive the much-needed infrastructure improvements to dramatically increase storm and environmental resiliency.”

“For eight months, our Bayville NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee worked with our State partners to identify our assets, risks, needs, and opportunities,” said Vincent Moscato, Co-Chair of the Village of Bayville NYRCR Planning Committee. “Today, we can see the fruits of our labor. The pump station will help to ensure that our community can survive in the face of rising sea levels and more frequent storm events. Thank you, Governor Cuomo, for allowing us to determine our own future and for not forgetting about us small villages.”

“It is wonderful that the deserving residents of our communities are going to see the results of all of their efforts, input, and hard work, as these initial projects roll out,” said Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein, Co-Chair of the Bellmore/ Merrick NYRCR Planning Committee.

“The communities of Bay Shore and Brightwaters will benefit for years to come as a result of this collaboration of community members, who truly have the best interests of our communities in mind,” said Brian Butler, Co-Chair of the Greater Bay Shore NYRCR Planning Committee. “Bay Shore and Brightwaters will weather future storms better thanks to this NY Rising Community Reconstruction project and the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program’s excellent leadership!”

“I am very proud of our Planning Committee for the many months of hard work and all that we have accomplished with assisting the State’s team with determining what projects will be best in making our community more resilient from future storms,” said Joseph Baker, Co-Chair of the Bellmore/ Merrick NYRCR Planning Committee. “Committee Members include a diversity of talented professionals that reside within our community that are appreciative of the privilege and responsibility that Governor Cuomo has bestowed on us. We are excited that the first NY Rising Community Reconstruction project in our community is beginning!”

“After all of the hard work and planning time committed by hundreds of Long Island Committee Members, it is gratifying to see the implementation process move forward,” said Bob Block and Pete Sobol, Co-Chairs of the Five Towns NYRCR Planning Committee.

“We are grateful for these initial projects to begin, as they will provide much reassurance to our citizens that better days are ahead,” said Rob Weltner, Co-Chair of the Freeport NYRCR Planning Committee.

“As co-chair of the Freeport NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee, I want to thank the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery for assisting us to build for a brighter tomorrow,” said G. Dewey Smalls, Co-Chair of the Freeport NYRCR Planning Committee.

“Drainage improvements and the mitigation of flooding is paramount in the communities of Island Park, Oceanside, Harbor Isle, and Barnum Island,” said Anthony D’Esposito, Co-Chair of the Barnum Island/ Oceanside/Village of Island Park/ Harbor Isle NYRCR Planning Committee. “It is my hope that the hard work put into our NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan is displayed in these initial projects being funded by New York State. I stand with our Planning Committee and look forward to seeing our NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan come to fruition.”

“After much hard work and many meetings with our community residents of Babylon Village and West Babylon, the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program will make our community stronger, better and more resilient for future storms or natural disasters by rolling out and implementing these projects,” said Ray Accettella, Co-Chair of Village of Babylon/ West Babylon NYRCR Planning Committee. “Thank you, Governor Cuomo, for being there from the beginning and seeing this program through.”

“The success of the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, in part due to the vision and support of the Governor, State staff, and our Nassau County leadership, proves that when government and the community work together, great things can be accomplished,” said Raymond Pagano, Co-Chair of the Barnum Island/ Oceanside/ Village of Island Park/ Harbor Isle NYRCR Planning Committee. “I look forward to continuing the path towards resiliency with my fellow Planning Committee Members and Co-Chairs.”

“As Co-chair of the Village of Amityville/Copiague NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee, I am pleased to be a part of the community re-building and planning process,” said Everett Ken Budd. “I knew that the State, under Governor Coumo’s leadership, would follow through on its commitments. Thank you!”

“This is very exciting,” said Tom Asher, Co-Chair of the Barnum Island/ Oceanside/ Village of Island Park/ Harbor Isle NYRCR Planning Committee. “The community as a whole worked very hard on this for many months. It is going to feel very rewarding for our residents who were involved to see real progress and to know they had a stake in the game and decision making. I am looking forward to seeing the ‘flag in the ground.’”

“We are very excited in South Valley Stream to see our project’s being implemented,” said Marc K. Tenzer, Chair of the South Valley Stream NYRCR Planning Committee. “We are also excited for future projects’ being implemented, which is furthered by our winning the NY Rising to the Top Green Infrastructure award.”

“The Fire Island NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee is extremely pleased that one of our top priorities—the acquisition of emergency generators for several critical and emergency facilities on Fire Island—is moving forward,” said Susan Barbash and Suzy Goldhirsch, Co-Chairs of Fire Island NYRCR Planning Committee. “The Committee is particularly grateful to the Village of Saltaire, which has agreed to serve as the subrecipient to implement this project for its neighboring communities.”

“I am delighted to see our first project, which addresses flood mitigation, move forward,” said Kerri Rosalia, Co-Chair of Mastic Beach/ Smith Point of Shirley NYRCR Planning Committee. “Our Planning

Committee agreed that flood mitigation had to be a priority project for our community. We are excited to see the work of our Planning Committee continue.”

#### 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 and Infrastructure programs, more than \$4 billion made available through HUD’s CDBG-DR Program to better prepare New York for future extreme weather events.

Visit [www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr](http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr) to learn more about the NYRCR Program and to read the final NYRCR Plans. Procurement opportunities are available through each subrecipient and are listed on the GOSR website at [www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/gosr-supplemental-contract-opportunities](http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/gosr-supplemental-contract-opportunities).

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