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## ***FROM THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATOR ROB CALARCO*** **Calarco Calls for Federal Funds to Rebuild Sandy-Savaged Smith Point**



**Left:** Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico; Legislators Kate Browning and Rob Calarco; and Assemblyman-Elect Edward Hennessey. In the background the Army Corps of Engineers is filling in a breach at Smith Point County Park.

**Right:** Collapsed portion of concrete boardwalk at Smith Point Park near the pavilion

**Smith Point, LI—Tuesday, December 11:** Legislator Rob Calarco was joined by Legislator Kate Browning, Assemblyman-Elect Edward Hennessey, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine, Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico and Suffolk County Parks Commissioner Greg Dawson to tour the Smith Point Barrier Beach. Smith Point sustained significant damage at the hands of Super Storm Sandy. Officials discussed joining forces to secure federal funding to rebuild.

Infrastructure damage includes collapsed portions of the concrete boardwalk near the pavilion and destruction of all stairs and ramps leading to the beach. More significantly, the storm has severely eroded and in places completely wiped out dunes. And while only two breaches have been reported, several locations have experienced wash-over.

“It is imperative that FEMA approve the necessary funds and for the Army Corps of Engineers to approve permits to begin work quickly to protect our mainland before the next storm hits,” said Leg. Calarco.