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Patchogue Awarded \$18 Million for Sewer Infrastructure State, County and Village Working Together Towards Coastal Resiliency

Patchogue, NY –Yesterday Governor Cuomo announced a series of actions to bolster coastal resiliency against future storms on Long Island. Among those was an \$18 million award to expand sewer infrastructure in the Patchogue River watershed.

The award will provide for an additional 650 parcels to be connecting to the existing Patchogue Sewage Treatment Plant and will significantly reduce nitrogen loading into the Patchogue River, a major tributary into the South Shore Estuary Reserve.

“Strengthening Long Island’s coastal resiliency has been a signature initiative of my administration,” said County Executive Steve Bellone. “This assistance from New York State will bolster coastal resiliency against future storms on Long Island by improving local water quality and reducing harmful nitrogen pollution. We will continue to build back from storm damage and make our infrastructure more resilient in the future.”

“This will help continue the efforts to clean up the Patchogue River and the Great South Bay,” said Legislator Rob Calarco. “Proper sewage treatment improves ecology and restores wetlands making this South Shore community more resilient against increasingly frequent coastal storms.

I thank Governor Cuomo and County Executive Steve Bellone for all their efforts and for helping to increase our defenses along the South Shore.”

“This is a true benefit to the community and the environment,” said Patchogue Mayor Paul Pontieri. “County Executive Steve Bellone and Legislator Rob Calarco were instrumental in getting this done. Without their hard work and efforts projects like this don’t happen. Thanks to them both the Patchogue River and the Great South Bay will be cleaner and healthier for generations to come.”

When the project is complete, it is estimated that the sanitary wastewater nitrogen load to the Patchogue River and Great Patchogue Lake will be reduced by over 25%. No expansion of the sewage treatment plant will be required, as the current sewage treatment plant is already designed to receive this additional capacity.

“This is a huge step forward for not only the residents who live near the Patchogue River but for all of Suffolk County,” said Legislator Calarco. “A healthy bay benefits us all, and this will significantly improve our coastal waters.”

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