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Honorable Gregory Letica
Mayor
Village of Asharoken
One Asharoken Avenue
Northport, NY 11768

Dear Mayor Letica:

Governor Cuomo asked me to respond to your letter regarding the Village of Asharoken's storm damage from Hurricane Sandy. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has been engaged with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in the repairs to the seawall (artificial dune) that protects Asharoken Avenue. These repairs are underway and they will be completed in the near future.

DEC and the Corps are also engaged in completing a feasibility study for a permanent solution that will protect Asharoken Avenue from future storm damages. DEC has determined that Long Island Sound can be dredged to provide the sand needed to rebuild the beach and dune structure along Asharoken Avenue. We met with the Corps on January 22, 2013 to define the parameters under which the dredging can occur to limit environmental impacts to the Sound.

This project was put forward in the President Obama's Supplemental Budget for Sandy Repairs for funding to complete the feasibility study and to build the chosen alternative. Once the Corps receives this funding, they will be able to finish the feasibility study.

Rest assured that Asharoken and Eaton's Neck have not been forgotten and work will proceed as quickly as possible once funding is available.

Please call Assistant Commissioner James Tierney at (518) 402-2794 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Martens', written over a printed name.

Joseph J. Martens

c: J. Tierney