

Rep. Israel Statement on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Inability
to Reach Compromise with Village of Asharoken on Beach
Restoration Project

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Melville, NY. – Today, Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) released the following statement after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers notified Village of Asharoken officials that in order for the beach restoration project to move forward, five public access points would be required. The Army Corps also notified Asharoken officials that the inclusion of public parking areas would be mandatory at each access point – a requirement that was previously deemed unnecessary by Army Corps officials.

"My office worked diligently to get the Village of Asharoken and the Army Corps to meet in the middle on a compromise to move this project forward. It is extremely disappointing that after making significant progress to reach that compromise, the Army Corps' headquarters rejected it.

I believe there is a way to protect the safety of my constituents and this coastal community while complying with the Army Corps' guidelines, but the Army Corps needs to be more willing to negotiate. I will continue to do everything in my power to work for a common-sense solution for my constituents as I have throughout my time in office with all levels of government."