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Army Corps completes repairs to Asharoken seawall, announces media availability to discuss project

NEW YORK – Earlier this month, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, completed rehabilitation work on a seawall responsible for safeguarding the primary access road into and out of the Village of Asharoken, which is located on the North Shore of Long Island in western Suffolk County.

There will be a press event Thursday morning to celebrate the completion of the project. The media is invited to meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Asharoken Village Hall. From the Village Hall, attendees will proceed to the newly rehabilitated seawall. Local officials and representatives from the Corps of Engineers will be available for comment.

The seawall, which was originally constructed in 1996, provides emergency erosion protection to a critical section of Asharoken Avenue by absorbing the wave action and securing the roadway. Without it, access to the mainland would be extremely difficult, particularly during storm events. The seawall sustained heavy damage during a March 2010 nor'easter, prompting the Army Corps to get involved.

"I'm very pleased to see this project brought to completion, particularly in light of the recent winter storm activity," said Col. John R. Boulé, commander, New York District. "This was a difficult project that required a great deal of coordination but we've managed to deliver a top notch solution that will provide cost effective protection for the residents of Asharoken."

The current repair was based on work done on a 225-foot section of the seawall in 2007 that did extremely well during last year's nor'easter. It included repairing/replacing the bowed section of the concrete tie back, repairing/replacing the damaged steel sheeting and placing armor stone weighing up to 7 tons in front of the seawall. The Long Island Sound is a very dynamic environment, meaning the Corps' coastal engineers had to design a structure capable of absorbing large amounts of high wind and wave energy. The repair restores the seawall to pre-storm conditions as per the 1996 project, which was designed to handle a 22-year level event.

Asharoken Mayor Patricia Irving was pleased with the unhindered cooperation between the Village, the Army Corps, the contractor and property owners. "Many residents freely signed

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right-of-entry agreements on their private property, allowing the Army Corps and the Cutting Edge Group to complete the project expeditiously, with minimal interruption to traffic."

Mayor Irving added, "When issues arose, the parties involved immediately worked together to resolve the matter. As a result, the project was completed a full month ahead of schedule."

"Having the seawall repaired quickly and effectively is critically important for Asharoken and the surrounding communities. I commend the Army Corps for finishing this project ahead of schedule. I look forward to continuing to partner with the Army Corps and Mayor Irving on solutions for beach replenishment and protection for Asharoken," said Rep. Steve Israel.

The project cost \$2.2 million with 100% Federal funding and was completed by Cutting Edge Group from Lake George, N.Y. The seawall has performed extremely well in the face of recent storm events during construction and after completion.

MEDIA EVENT DETAILS

Where: Meeting at the Asharoken Village Hall at 1 Asharoken Avenue, then proceeding to the seawall

When: 9:30-11 a.m., Thursday January 27

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