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**READOUT: MAYOR DE BLASIO MEETING WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMANDER LIEUTENANT GENERAL TODD T. SEMONITE**

This morning, Mayor de Blasio met with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commander Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite. The 45-minute meeting began at 10:45 AM and was held at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters in Washington, D.C., and focused largely on coastal protections on the Rockaway peninsula and in Jamaica Bay. Mayor de Blasio made the case that residents of the Rockaways felt vulnerable to the beach erosion they were seeing in their community. Lieutenant General Semonite agreed to accelerate the project timeline by expediting beachfront protections and continuing to move forward on bayside investments. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the work of the Army Corps. He and the Lieutenant General agreed to continue working together collaboratively on this project and others in New York City.

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