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MAYOR DE BLASIO HIGHLIGHTS COASTAL FLOODING RESPONSE EFFORTS

NEW YORK— In response to morning coastal flooding, Mayor de Blasio said City workers cleaned storm drainage basins to help water recede more quickly and salted wet roads to prevent icy conditions. The Mayor also highlighted short and long-term preparedness efforts to protect our city's coastal areas.

Yesterday, the National Weather Service issued a Coastal Flood Warning for today's morning high tide cycle for areas along the southern shores of Queens and Brooklyn, and a Coastal Flood Advisory for areas in the Bronx along the Long Island Sound, and in Staten Island for areas near the coastline. Flood waters began receding around 11:00 AM.

"This morning, coastal areas in our city experienced flooding during the high tide. From clearing storm drains to salting roads that could turn icy, we're taking all necessary steps to respond to the impacts of this flooding. We are also taking the long-term steps needed to protect our coastal areas through our \$20 billion investment in climate resiliency," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

Areas which experienced minor to moderate street flooding today included parts of Ozone Park, Howard Beach, Rosedale, Rockaway, and Broad Channel in Queens, Manhattan Beach, Seagate, and Brighton Beach in Brooklyn, Randall Manor in Staten Island, and the FDR drive at 86th Street on the Upper East Side. In most cases, flooding primarily impacted streets and roads. Flood waters began receding around 11:00 AM, and these aforementioned areas are no longer being impacted. New York City continues to take actions to mitigate and respond to flood impacts:

- The NYC Emergency Management Department deployed Citywide Interagency Coordinators to coastal locations to facilitate coordination and information collection. They will be deployed in coastal communities during high tide cycles through Wednesday.
- The Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Transportation, and Department of Sanitation regularly target recurring flood locations for catch basin cleaning and maintenance prior to major weather events.
- From Monday through Wednesday, the DEP will have crews in coastal areas to address any catch basin issues that may arise during high tide cycles.
- The DSNY has and will continue to salt the roads that experience flooding to prevent icing conditions as temperatures drop below freezing.

Climate Resiliency

New York City has taken a number of measures to mitigate and protect against the risks of coastal flooding. The City is heavily investing in climate resiliency through a \$20 billion OneNYC plan underway around across the five boroughs. That includes short term measures already in place, such as 4.2 million cubic yards of sand in Coney Island and on the Rockaway peninsula; 9.8 miles of dunes across the Rockaway peninsula and in Staten Island; and 10,500 linear feet of bulkheads around the city. The Parks Department also deployed additional protections ahead of Jonas that remain in place. Combined, these measures mitigated some of the flood impacts this week.

Billions more in large-scale resiliency investments are underway, including a massive upgrade of green infrastructure, extensive efforts to enhance shorelines and build out bulkheads, and large flood protection systems across the five boroughs.

Preparedness Steps

New York City residents living in coastal areas expected to experience minor or moderate coastal flooding should take the following preparedness steps:

- Prepare a Go Bag that you can grab in case you need to leave your home in a hurry.
- Learn the safest route from your home or workplace to safe, high ground in case you have to evacuate. This should be part of your household emergency plan.
- If you live in a flood-prone area, keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber on hand to help protect your home.
- Stay informed. Before and during an emergency, the City will send emergency alerts and updates to New Yorkers through various channels, including Notify NYC. You can sign up for Notify NYC by visiting nyc.gov/NotifyNYC or following @NotifyNYC on Twitter.
- Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.
- When outside, avoid walking and driving through flooded areas. As few as six inches of moving water can knock a person over. Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling. One or two feet of water can carry away a vehicle.

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