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\$5.5 Million Sewer Upgrade for West **Brighton in Staten Island**



Newly Installed Storm Sewers, Sanitary Sewers, Water Mains and Catch Basins to Help Reduce Flooding, Improve Drainage, and Ensure Reliable Water Supply

Photos are Available on DEP's Flickr page

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza and Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Commissioner Dr. Feniosky Peña-Mora today announced that construction has recently completed on a \$5.5 million sewer project in the Staten Island neighborhood of West Brighton, located on the borough 's North Shore. The infrastructure project included the installation of storm sewers, sanitary sewers, water mains, and catch basins. Funding for the project was provided by DEP while DDC oversaw the construction.

"This \$5.5 million project has significantly upgraded the sewer infrastructure in West Brighton, reducing flooding and improving drainage, while also providing these North Shore residents with an updated water distribution system, " said DEP Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza.

"We 're pleased to announce the completion of this project, which boosts the resiliency of the North Shore, with our partners at the DEP, " said DDC Commissioner Feniosky Peña-Mora. "The improvements to the neighborhood 's infrastructure will help to alleviate flooding and ultimately strengthen the neighborhood 's water management systems."

"This project brings much needed infrastructure upgrades to West Brighton, " noted Borough President James Oddo. "These improvements will help alleviate some of the flooding issues that residents of this neighborhood face on a regular

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basis and ensure a reliable water supply."

"Completion of this project is welcome news to the West Brighton neighborhood, which is now better equipped to distribute water and handle stormwater runoff. As our population and the probability of extreme weather events increases, I look forward to working with the city's Department of Environmental Protection on other North Shore improvements that make our neighborhoods stronger and more resilient, " said **Council Member Debi Rose**.

"This project is welcome news to the Staten Island community and represents continued improvements to our sewer and flood mitigation capability, " said **State Senator Andrew Lanza**.

"In the wake of serious weather events and water quality crises across the country, it is especially important that we continue to improve our infrastructure. The project announced today will help to reduce flooding and ensure access to quality water supplies. This investment will go a long way towards improving the lives of Staten Island residents, " said **State Senator Diane Savino**.

"Keeping the infrastructure of our storm sewers, sanitary sewers, water mains, and catch basins up-to-date is an important part of quality of life. Flooding and backups can be devastating, so it is good that these steps have been taken to keep my constituents safe and dry, " said **Assemblyman Matthew Titone**.

As part of the project, 1,620 linear feet of stormwater sewers and 2,211 linear feet of sanitary sewers were installed along: West Raleigh Avenue between Clove Road and Broadway; Broadway between West Raleigh Avenue and Harvest Avenue; Harvest Avenue between Broadway and North Burgher Avenue; West Raleigh Avenue between Berwin Lane and Broadway; and Cary Avenue between North Burgher Avenue and Bement Avenue.

While the roadway was open to install the sewers, 2,512 linear feet of new water mains were also built to replace old cast iron pipes, improve water distribution in the area and help to ensure a reliable supply of water for the future. Construction also included 21 catch basins to create additional capacity in the neighborhood 's drainage system.

DEP manages New York City 's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high quality drinking water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.5 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 21 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 in the upstate watershed. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program, with a planned \$20.7 billion in investments over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.

The Department of Design and Construction is the City 's primary capital construction project manager. In supporting Mayor de Blasio 's lenses of growth, sustainability, resiliency, equity and healthy living, DDC provides communities with new or renovated public buildings such as such as firehouses, libraries, police precincts, new or upgraded roadways, sewers, water mains in all five boroughs. To manage this \$15 billion portfolio, DDC partners with other City agencies, architects and consultants, whose experience bring efficient, innovative, and environmentally-conscious design and construction strategies to city projects. For more information, please visit nyc.gov/ddc.



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