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## Department of Environmental Protection Announces Flooding Relief for Todt Hill Road

### Construction of a New Sewer Line and Additional Catch Basins will help to Drain Stormwater from Roadway

#### A Map of the Work Area is Available on [DEP's Flickr Page](#)

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced plans for an enhanced drainage system for a section of Todt Hill Road that suffers from chronic flooding. Work will include the construction of new catch basins and more than 900 linear feet of 36" sewer running along Todt Hill Road from Willow Pond Road to Helena Road. The relocation of natural gas infrastructure must be completed before the sewer work can begin, but it is anticipated that the drainage upgrade will begin shortly after Labor Day and continue for about five weeks.

"Council Member Matteo has been relentless in his efforts to deliver flooding relief for Todt Hill Road and we are pleased to announce plans for a new sewer line and catch basins that will make the roadway safer for everyone," said **DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza**. "We thank residents for their patience and will work expeditiously to complete this important project."

**Congressman Dan Donovan** said, "Improving and upgrading infrastructure on Todt Hill Road will prevent the chronic flooding that residents have experienced for years. This project will make our community safer and more resilient to future storms, and I look forward to its expeditious completion. Every investment into protecting residents from extreme weather will help create a stronger Staten Island for years to come."

"The tens of thousands of motorists and residents who drive and live along Todt Hill Road must contend with slick, dangerous roadways and excessive run-off every time it rains. That is why, for years, I have been asking DEP to accelerate this project, because the constant flooding is a matter of public safety," said **Council Minority Leader Steven Matteo**. "I am extremely pleased DEP has pushed the construction of these new sewers forward to begin after Labor Day, and look forward to working with them to ensure it is completed as quickly, and with as little inconvenience to residents and commuters, as possible."

Work along Willow Pond Road and Helena Road will take place during normal work hours. As Todt Hill Road is a major north-south traffic artery, work will take place during the overnight hours when the roadway will likely be closed from 10pm to 6am. It is anticipated that the entire project will be completed in approximately five weeks.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high quality drinking water each day to more than 9.6 million residents, including 8.6 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and

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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 \$19.4 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](http://nyc.gov/dep), like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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