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City Begins \$48 Million Project to Build New Sewers and Reduce Flooding in Great Kills and Eltingville

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New Catch Basins and Storm Sewers Will Improve Drainage and Reduce Flooding

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Emily Lloyd and Design and Construction (DDC) Commissioner Dr. Feniosky Peña-Mora today announced that work has begun on a \$48 million construction project that will reduce street flooding and improve the reliability of the water delivery system in the Great Kills and Eltingville neighborhoods of Staten Island. The work will take place along Hylan Boulevard, as well as streets to the east and west, from Wiman Avenue to Winchester Avenue. Construction will include the installation of 172 new catch basins and more than four miles of new sewers to allow stormwater to drain from the roadways in the area. While the roadway is opened to install the sewers, nearly three miles of existing water mains will be replaced with new ductile iron pipes. DEP is funding the project and DDC is managing the construction, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2017.

“This \$48 million investment for upgrading the infrastructure in Great Kills and Eltingville continues the important work of building out the sewer and drainage systems across Staten Island,” said **DEP Commissioner Lloyd**. “With shovels in the ground, residents can look forward to an improved quality of life, safer streets and a reliable supply of high-quality drinking water.”

“We are proud to be partnering with the DEP to make a commitment to Staten Islanders and New York City residents in developing top of the line drainage systems for the City’s streets and neighborhoods,” said **DDC Commissioner Dr. Peña-Mora**. “In order to keep our boroughs resilient against flooding, it is imperative that we equip them with the sort of infrastructure that can effectively deal with extreme weather conditions.”

“This long-awaited capital sewer project will relieve Hylan Boulevard of storm water and make for much safer conditions,” noted **Borough President James Oddo**. “When this project is completed, this stretch of road will be fully resurfaced, to join almost every other section of Hylan Blvd. that has been resurfaced since 2010. The project has numerous benefits for the community.”

“I welcome this infrastructural upgrade in what is one of the most flood prone corridors on the South Shore,” said **Council Member Joe Borelli**. “In fact, the extensive flooding experienced in this location during Superstorm Sandy was a major factor which prompted this sewer and water main project. I appreciate the support from Commissioners Lloyd and Dr. Peña-Mora and their commitment to mitigate flooding in the neighborhoods I represent.”

“Regular flooding on the South Shore has been a quality of life concern for years, and I’m glad to see the Department of Design and Construction and the Department of Environmental Protection respond to the community’s needs,” said **U.S. Congressman Daniel M. Donovan, Jr.** “With this and other planned storm resiliency projects, Staten Island is becoming less vulnerable to Mother Nature – a priority I’ll continue to focus on as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications.”

“This work to improve aged water and sewer infrastructure here in Staten Island is very much needed and therefore good news,” said **Senator Andrew Lanza**. “I commend DEP for their efforts and will continue to work with them as they do this vitally important work.”

“This project will correct much of the problems being experienced in Great Kills and Eltingville due to poor planning decades ago,” said **Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis**. “The new catch basins and sewers will reduce flooding and allow stormwater to drain from the roadways, bringing much relief to residents and commuters. I thank the Department of Environmental Preservation for hearing the concerns of our community and working to deliver a solution.”

The project includes the construction of 13,650 linear feet of storm sewers and 172 catch basins to improve drainage. Approximately 7,560 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewers will be replaced with 10-inch sewers in order to increase wastewater collection capacity. In addition, 15,200 linear feet of 8- and 12-inch water mains will be replaced with new ductile iron pipes to improve the distribution system.

As part of the capital improvement program on Staten Island, DEP is working closely with DDC on numerous projects that are either ongoing, or in the planning and design phase. These include the construction of the new Mid-Island Bluebelt, the largest ever expansion of the south shore's Bluebelt system, and numerous other sewer and water main projects.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight 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 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 \$14 billion in investments over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. This capital program is responsible for critical projects like City Water Tunnel No. 3; the Staten Island Bluebelt program, an ecologically-sound and cost-effective stormwater management system; the city's Watershed Protection Program, which protects sensitive lands upstate near the city's reservoirs in order to maintain their high water quality; and the installation of more than 820,000 Automated Meter Reading devices, which will allow customers to track their daily water use, more easily manage their accounts and be alerted to potential leaks on their properties. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#).

DDC is the City's primary capital construction project manager. DDC provides communities with new or renovated public buildings, such as firehouses, libraries, police precincts, courthouses, and senior centers. What's more, DDC delivers new or upgraded roadways, sewers, water mains, and other infrastructure projects in communities throughout the city. Over the last decade, DDC has completed more than 818 miles of new roadways and sidewalks, 816 miles of water mains, and 596 miles of storm and sanitary sewers—all of which are essential for a vibrant city like New York. To manage this \$15 billion portfolio, DDC partners with other City agencies and with emerging and world-renowned architects and consultants, whose experience and creativity 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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