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Suffolk County Legislature Al Krupski Calls for USACE to Re-evaluate Montauk Shore Hardening Project

Legislator Al Krupski, who represents the First District in the Suffolk County Legislature, is calling on the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (SCDPW) to re-evaluate a planned shore-hardening project on the oceanfront in Montauk following a nor'easter on December 9 and 10 of this year. The storm caused significant damage to the shoreline and forced the USACE to postpone the project.

Legislator Krupski was the only legislator to vote against Suffolk County's participation in the project, which requires the county to pay for half of any repairs needed in the future. "This is not a financial liability the county needs to attach itself to because the future costs are immeasurable" said Mr. Krupski.

In a letter to SCDPW Commissioner Gilbert Anderson dated December 29, 2015, Legislator Krupski expressed his concerns that "had the project been built," referring to the recent storm, "it would have cost the town and the county millions of dollars to repair."

Before being elected to the Suffolk County Legislature, Mr. Krupski served as a Southold Town Councilman for seven years, and prior to that, served as a Southold Town Trustee for 20 years, twelve and a half of which were as board president. According to Krupski, he has "seen first-hand when a section of the shoreline is hardened, neighboring properties are negatively impacted. There is a loss of sand, important intertidal zones and often, a loss of public access."

Mr. Krupski concluded his letter by stating "I believe Suffolk County should not endorse a project that hardens the shoreline. This is a project that one, is sure to fail and cause accelerated erosion to adjacent properties, and two, puts the maintenance on the shoulders of the taxpayers of the entire county. I would ask that you reach out to the USACE to request specifics about their plans for this area, in light of this very predictable outcome."