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Legislator Anker Organizes Task Force To Address North Shore Erosion



Mount Sinai, NY, August 2014 – Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker recently introduced legislation to address erosion on the north shore of Long Island.

Resolution 1697, sponsored by Anker, was laid on the table at the July 29th Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature. The bill calls for a task force to develop strategies that will protect the north shore's infrastructure and environment from the effects of coastal erosion. Anker's idea for the task force came after meeting with local residents that experienced significant damage and property loss as a result of Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene.

Legislator Anker will chair the task force which will also include seven environmental experts from federal, state, and county departments. Representatives from county departments will include qualified individuals from Suffolk County's Division of Planning, Soil and Water Conservation District, and Department of Public Works.

Plant specialists from the National Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and marine experts from Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS) will lend their expertise, as well as representatives from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and First U.S. Congressional District.

“According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, erosion on the North Shore of Long Island has reached critical levels,” said Legislator Anker. “Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene have substantially contributed to increased erosion. There are areas in my district that have lost up to 30 feet of prime real estate due to Superstorm Sandy. Houses are literally falling off the North shore cliffs. It is imperative we address this issue with every possible resource available as soon as possible.”

Introductory Resolution 1697 is currently awaiting legislative action at the next meeting of the Legislature's Environmental Planning and Agriculture Committee. After the resolution passes through committee it will be brought before the Legislature for a full vote on September 9th.

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