



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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NEW YORK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Planning Division

Honorable Anthony D. Weiner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3209



Dear Congressman Weiner:

I am writing as a follow up to the site visit that took place with members of your office on September 19, 2006 along the Manhattan Beach area of Coney Island. Enclosed is a copy of the site visit report, which we will also send to Lucinda Collins, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Joshua Laird, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, to keep them informed of the situation.

As discussed at the site visit, there appears to be a potential opportunity for the Corps of Engineers to participate in a long-term solution for storm damage reduction in the Manhattan Beach and Sheepshead Bay areas. For an initial evaluation of these water resource problems in the Manhattan Beach and Sheepshead Bay areas, a Reconnaissance Study would need to be conducted under our traditional General Investigations Program. In order to begin a new reconnaissance effort, there must be Congressional authorization for the study, as well as an appropriation of Federal funds.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please call me or Mr. Thomas Pfeifer, P.E., Chief, Coastal Section, Planning Division, at (917) 790-8626.

Sincerely,

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Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

Enclosure