

## Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

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July 19, 2019

Louis Saulino, P.E. Director of Public Works City of Glen Cove 9 Glen Street Glen Cove, NY 11542

Dear Mr. Saulino:

Thank you for responding to our June 25, 2019, letter to Mayor Tenke and the members of the City Council. We appreciate the City's efforts in addressing the issues we mentioned in the letter and also subsequently reported in e-mails to City Clerk Tina Pemberton on June 27 and July 12, 2019. We thought you would be interested in our recent observations as well:

- 1. Stormwater runoff—south side of Glen Cove Creek. Since we brought attention to the issue, we have continued to collect samples, as part of our core monitoring program, from regular stations along the creek, including CSHH #9, the pipe that had the high bacteria levels, the source of which was identified as the yard-waste transfer yard. Bacteria results from the Nassau County Department of Health for samples collected from the area of the pipe in question indicate that the levels for both fecal coliform and enterococci have decreased for samples collected on July 3, 10, and 17. There were no exceedances for either indicator organism. (The thresholds for exceedances are 1,000 CFUs for fecal coliform and 104 CFUs for enterococci. See attached lab results.)
- 2. **North Side of Glen Cove Creek.** We commend the city for taking a more proactive role in ensuring that the stormwater pollution prevention plans are being implemented and for assigning dedicated staff to inspect the site routinely. This is absolutely necessary. The city should know be the first to know whether there are failures in installing and maintaining erosion and sediment controls and then address them, as you had mentioned, in a timely manner. This is the only way the local residents can have any confidence that the local environment and the public's health and well-being are being protected.
- 3. Status of the Cleanup at the West End of the Development Project. Thank you for your clarification of the status of the soil stockpiles in this area and ensuring that proper measures are utilized for management of the stockpiles by the contractors at the site. As recently as July 12, we had observed problems with excavation around Garvies Point Road and the handling of the mounds of soil. However, this past Wednesday, we saw that the mounds of soil had been covered with the appropriate tarps, and the orange tarps with "danger" warning were put to the side. (See the attached photos.) We also noticed attempts were made to wet down the road to keep the dust down.

- 4. Wetland Restoration. Thank you for the details you provided regarding the restoration of the horseshoe-shaped wetland area at the Captain's Cove site. As you know, the community responded in shock to the complete removal of the wetlands. Although you reference the USACE permit for the required restoration work, according to NYS DEC's Response to the Public Comments Received Re: Notice of Complete Application of RXR Glen Isle Mixed-Use Waterfront Development Project (published in the NYS DEC's ENB on Dec. 21, 2016, p. 1), wetlands destruction was not allowed. We mention this simply by way of explanation of our expectations based on the information that was available to us. The restoration work was extensive. We have observed the completion of the plantings and the lines and streamers that have been placed over the plantings to deter geese and other water fowl from uprooting the new plants. (See attached.) We hope that the new plants will survive and eventually that this area will once again provide a suitable habitat for local wildlife.
- 5. Work Outlined in the Dredging and Excavation Work Plan. Thank you for clarifying the format of the documentation that is kept onsite and identifying the parties who are able to access the forms and daily field reports. You mentioned that the City frequently reviews the documentation. We therefore request that the city provide a brief summary of these documents for public dissemination a regular basis via the city's website. It would be helpful for all interested parties to be provided information regarding project status. Alternatively, there should be an opportunity to FOIL the onsite documents. We will contact Mr. Graziosi regarding release of the onsite status reports.

Thank you again for taking the time to provide a thoughtful and detailed response to our concerns and for ensuring that necessary changes will be implemented.

Respectfully,

Kay Bromberg

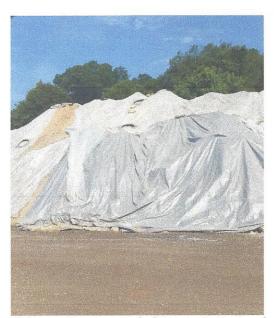
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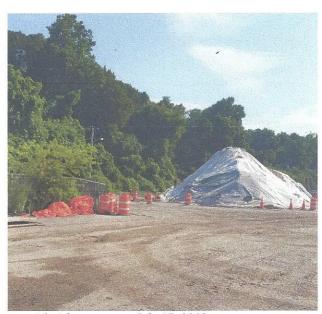
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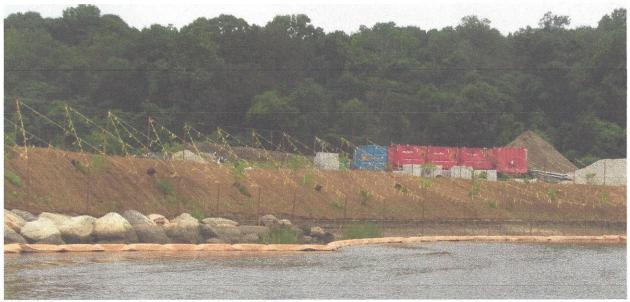


View of tarp-covered soil mounds at Garvies Point on July 17, 2019.





Soil mounds at west end of Garvies Point Development covered with new tarps, July 17, 2019



Wetlands restoration at Garvies Point, July 3, 2019

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