



# Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

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Mayor Tim Tenke and Members of  
the City Council  
City of Glen Cove  
9 Glen Street  
Glen Cove, NY 11542

Dear Mayor Tenke and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor (CSHH), we are writing to follow up on our concerns expressed in our June 25, 2019, letter to you and our July 21, 2019, letter to Director of Public Works Louis Saulino. We appreciate the July 16, 2019, response we received from the Mr. Saulino regarding, among other things (1) storm-water issues related to areas around Glen Cove Creek and conditions on Garvies Point Road and (2) status of the cleanup of the Garvies Point development project west of the Beacon construction. We also appreciate the city's willingness to consider our request to provide status reports on the city's website regarding the Garvies Point development project—the first being the July report, which was posted the first week of August. However, we have additional concerns and questions.

During August, nearly weekly rain storms caused continued flooding at Garvies Point Road and exacerbated problems at the yard waste transfer yard, even though attempts have been made to address the high bacteria levels that continue to be observed at discharge points west of the sewage treatment plant. (Stormwater runoff issues have been observed at other shoreline testing stations around Hempstead Harbor as well—see the attached results from last week's sample collection. Note that threshold levels for fecal coliform and enterococci are 1,000 CFUs and 104 CFUs, respectively.)

Given the continued stormwater runoff problems on both sides of the creek, the soil stockpiles on the Captains Cove area of the development project, and removal of material from the eastern portion of the creek for the new marinas and bulkhead, we request information on the following:

1. We have been told that NYS DEC is working with the City of Glen Cove to revise the stormwater pollution prevention plan for the development project. **Will the revisions to the plan be made public, and what is the anticipated completion date?**
2. We appreciate the July construction progress report for the development project, but we were concerned about the cleanup status and the onsite reports that are required by the Dredging and Excavation Work Plan (revised March 2018, p. 31), which we had mentioned previously in our July 25 letter. Where excavation is continuing, we have

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been told that contaminants are still being found—mostly lead and arsenic. **Are the Mayor and City Council provided with those excavation and testing reports on a regular basis, and could those be summarized as well and posted so that the public is aware of continued soil testing and test results?**

- 3. Has the road work to date at Garvies Point Road resolved the flooding issues, or is more work needed?**
- 4. Can you confirm that the 11-story building that had been planned at the western-most section of the development site has been postponed indefinitely?**
- 5. Are the excavated materials removed from Glen Cove Creek being stockpiled at the Captain's Cove area, and what are the test results from that excavation?**

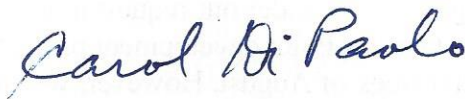
As a separate matter, we had participated in the public hearing for the Brownfields Opportunity Area (BOA) for the Sea Cliff Corridor and the Orchard and submitted comments regarding the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS). When will the review of the comments be completed and how will the comments be addressed? Also, is there a tentative schedule available for steps going forward regarding the BOA.

Thank you for your attention in this, and we look forward to hearing from you regarding responses to the above.

Respectfully,



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