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Mr. Peter Weppler  
U.S. Department of the Army - NY District  
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Re: **F-2014-0696 (DA)**  
**Downtown Montauk (DM) Project**  
County of Suffolk, New York; Atlantic Ocean  
Provide coastal storm risk management through dune  
construction within the Downtown Montauk project area  
County of Suffolk, New York; Atlantic Ocean  
**Concurrence with Consistency Determination**

Dear Mr. Weppler,

The Department of State (DOS or “the Department”) has completed its review of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) consistency determination regarding the consistency of the above referenced project with the policies of the Town of East Hampton Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) and the New York State Coastal Management Program (NYS CMP). Based upon the information submitted, including the Hurricane Sandy Limited Re-evaluation Report (HSLRR) and the Environmental Assessment (EA), the Department of State concurs with the Corps' consistency determination.

As with the DM project, we expect that there will be other provisional projects proposed within the Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP) project area for which the Department would like to improve collaboration with the Corps and other stakeholders, with the overall goal of developing more resilient and sustainable approaches to coastal management and risk reduction. As a means to better achieving this goal, we encourage inclusion of DOS in the early stages of all project planning and also recommend the following actions:

***Place more emphasis on comprehensive long-term risk reduction and implementation of adaptive measures to better protect the coastal communities.*** This can be accomplished through

- integrating projects with local and regional land use planning
- developing appropriate resilience measures to improve community safety
- accounting for natural processes and sea level rise in project planning

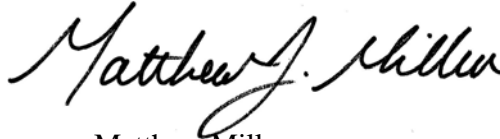
***Improve communication and documentation on these projects to ensure that the public and decision-makers are provided with a better understanding of the expected level of risk reduction.***

- Defining resiliency benefits for shorter term, interim projects, like DM, is particularly important.

This concurrence is without prejudice to and does not obviate the need to obtain all other applicable licenses, permits, or other forms of authorization or approval that may be required pursuant to existing State statutes, nor does it obviate the need for the submission of a consistency determination for any additional or related activities which may be proposed within or which may affect the project area in the future.

When communicating with us regarding this matter, please contact us at (518) 474-6000 and refer to our file number F-2014-0696.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew J. Millea". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Matthew Millea  
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Office of Planning and Development

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*Cc: USACE - New York District – Jodi McDonald; Peter Weppler  
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