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May 12, 2025

Mr. Kevin A. Kispert
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation - Region 1
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Subject: Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP), New York Coastal Storm Risk Management Project, FIMP: Non-Structural Home Raisings Micro Pilot

Dear Mr. Kispert:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (District) held a meeting with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Region 1 on April 23, 2025 on the subject above.

The Non-Structural Home Raisings Micro Pilot home elevations include three homes in Babylon (32 Pershing Avenue, 32 Milton Road and 25 Mitchell Avenue), an area that does not have septic systems. To be eligible for the Micro Pilot project. any home elevation must have a valid certified occupancy. Within each lot, only the main living structure and related infrastructure will be raised. No secondary structures (sheds, separate garage, other buildings) will be raised. Specific measures for each structure will be determined during design phase and in coordination with affected owners. The entire lot has potential to be impacted (noise, movement and staging of construction equipment, potential vegetation removal adjacent to homes (non-wetland) and traffic modifications). The paved surfaces adjacent to structure (i.e. driveways) may be used as staging areas for equipment/material.

After discussing, NYSDEC determined that the house elevation activities described above (Federal Action) does not fall under the jurisdiction of the State and will not require a Water Quality Certificate (WQC). No work is anticipated to occur below mean high water or in any vegetated wetlands.

It was also discussed that under the larger Non-Structural Home Raisings Pilot, the next round of house raisings, specifically in Mastic Beach, may have one or two homes within the NYSDEC's tidal wetlands jurisdictional boundary. If this does occur, the District will coordinate with NYSDEC on these specific homes as needed. The District intends to incorporate any lessons learned from the Non-Structural Home Raisings Micro Pilot into the project description for the larger Pilot, in a subsequent coordination letter to the NYSDEC.

Thank you in advance for your continued coordination on this project. If you need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert Smith (917-790-8729) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
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