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Colonel Thomas D. Asbery
Commander
United States Army Corps of Engineers
New York District
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278

Re: Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, Highlands, NJ Coastal Storm Risk Management Study
Borough of Highlands, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey
NJDEP Project No. 6035

Dear Colonel Asbery:

I am writing this letter confirming our support of the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, Highlands, NJ (Highlands) Coastal Storm Risk Management Study. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Division of Coastal Engineering supports the plan recommended in the feasibility report. We acknowledge that Public Law 113-2 provides Sandy Disaster Relief Appropriations to complete existing studies at 100% federal cost. NJDEP is willing to work with USACE on future funding needs and cost share obligations, to be defined in a Project Partnership Agreement for the design and construction phases of the project.

We look forward to working with the NY District once again to finalize this next important step and to protect yet another coastal community from storm risk damages. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Voelbel of my staff at 732-255-0784 or Deborah.Voelbel@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

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