

**Hashamomuck Cove  
Southold, New York  
Coastal Storm Risk Management  
Integrated Feasibility Study/EA**

**Appendix H2  
Sponsor Letters of Support**

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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March 18, 2019

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Jacob K. Javits Federal Building  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10278-0090

Re: Hashamomuck Cove Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Ciorra:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (Department) interest in participating in the Hashamomuck Cove Coastal Storm Risk Management Project (Project) for the construction of the Project.

In order for the Department to take on the role of the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Department's authority (Beach Erosion Protection Laws, Title 4, Chapter 7 Projects to Prevent Shore Erosion) to participate in a project to arrest erosion and alleviate or prevent damage resulting from storms, requires the Department to have a local sponsor that will share in the Non-Federal Sponsor's costs and obligations. The Town of Southold has agreed to be the Department's local sponsor, via a letter sent from Town Supervisor Scott Russell on July 12, 2018 (enclosed).

The Department understands that to the extent the Disaster Relief Appropriation Act of 2013, Public Law 113-2 (127 stat, 24-25) funds appropriated by Congress are available, the government will construct the project at 65% Federal expense, with the remaining 35% to be split between the Department and the Town of Southold at 70% State and 30% Town of Southold.

This letter is not a commitment for the funding of any portion of the Project. The commitment can only be made when the proposed PPA with the Corps for the Project is executed by the Office of the New York State Comptroller. The Department maintains that it is interested in being the Non-Federal Sponsor; however, the Department's participation will depend upon successful execution of a formal agreement with the local sponsor.



The Department awaits the Corps' submittal of their Water Quality Certification (WQC) application. Based on the Department's review of the Integrated Feasibility Report & Environmental Assessment dated November 2018, the Department does not foresee any problems that would preclude the issuance of the WQC, providing the previous Department comments on the Report are adequately addressed in the Corps' WQC application. The Department will initiate the formal review process of the WQC, which will include the determination of any environmental or endangered species construction windows, once the Corps' application is submitted. Please note that until this review process is completed and a WQC is issued, there is no authorization for the Corps to move forward in the construction of this Project

The Department will continue working with the Corps to move the Project forward as expeditiously as possible in order to meet the Corps schedule. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at [alan.fuchs@dec.ny.gov](mailto:alan.fuchs@dec.ny.gov), or by telephone at 518-402-8185.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Fuchs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Fuchs, P.E.

Director, Bureau of Flood Protection and  
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Enclosure: Letter of Support from the Town of Southold

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July 12, 2018

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Re: Hashamomuck Cove Coastal Storm Risk  
Management Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Fuchs:

I am writing in response to the request by the Department of Environmental Conservation ("Department") for the Town of Southold ("Town") to act as a local sponsor that will share in the non-federal sponsor's costs and obligations for the construction of the Hashamomuck Cove Coastal Storm Risk Management Project ("Project").

The Town fully supports the Federal Government's and the Department's efforts to assist the residents of Hashamomuck Cove protect their properties. To that end, the Town is willing to act as the local sponsor, subject to the successful execution of a formal agreement, and supports the "Current Recommended Plan (4/27/2018)" ("Plan").

As I am sure the Department is aware, this past winter the North Fork of Long Island was pummeled by no less than 4 Nor'easter storms, one of which was categorized as a "bomb cyclone." These storms did further, extensive damage to the Hashamomuck Cove area. It is critical that the U.S Army Corps of Engineers continues with and finalizes it's the Plan to protect the homes and property of the residents of Hashamomuck Cove, as well as County Road 48.

As you are aware, the Town has supported the residents by hosting public forums, lending the expertise of Town personnel and acting as a liaison with other government

agencies and elected officials, and stands ready to continue to provide whatever assistance that is within the Town's ability to provide.

Sincerely,

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Scott A. Russell  
Supervisor

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