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All,

Please find attached the minutes of our second FIMI Stakeholders call. Please share them with your community members. If you have any questions, let me know.

Thank you for your attendance on the calls and your patience with the FIMI Team as we work to complete this project as quickly as possible.

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## **FIMI Stakeholders Call Held October 8, 2015 MINUTES Sent 10-26-15**

Members of the FIMI Project Team on the call: NYSDEC (Sue McCormick, Andy Fera); US Army Corps of Engineers (Frank Verga, Robert Vohden, Lynn Bocamazo); and Suffolk County (Gil Anderson, Gail Lolis, Janet Longo)

The following representatives were on the call:

- Elected Officials: Bill Doyle for Congressman Zeldin and Debbie Tinnirello for Senator Gillibrand
- Governor Cuomo's Washington Office: Jenny Zeng
- National Park Service: Chris Soller
- Town of Brookhaven: Tom Carrano
- Communities: We request that only one person from each community call in so that we can keep the call manageable and productive. Those who indicated they were on the call were: Marsha Hunter (Kismet); Gene Levy (Fair Harbor); Cathy Bimberg (Dunewood); Jay Van Cott (Atlantique); Jessie Ostrow (Lonelyville); Alan Altman (Robbins Rest); Don Sussman and Chris Dunworth (Corneille); Steve Brautigam (Ocean Beach); Suzy Goldhirsch (Seaview); Karen Kee (Ocean Bay Park); Jeff DeJarnette (Point O Woods); Jay Pagano (Pines); Suzanne Johnson (Water Island); and John Lund and Jayne Robinson (Davis Park).

Please let Sue McCormick know if anyone was omitted from this list at [susan.mccormick@dec.ny.gov](mailto:susan.mccormick@dec.ny.gov).

Stated purpose for the call: To provide a general update on the status of the FIMI Project in the 17 communities including technical, real estate and schedule information. Allow communities to ask questions that are related to the whole Project that all would be interested in hearing. Ensure that everyone is getting the latest and same information at the same time.

What the call is not for: Discussion of issues that are specific to a given community. Specific issues can be emailed to Sue McCormick and we will hold a separate call or meeting with that community to address their specific concerns and issues.

General:

The County's FIMI website has been updated. It includes the revised pre-existing structure easement and an up-to-date FAQ. The Relocation FAQ is currently being updated and will be posted as soon as it is completed. [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/fimi](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/fimi)

**Please note that as the project is designed and the real estate is obtained that ALL SCHEDULES, PLANS, PROCEDURES, PROCESSES, PLACEMENT LOCATIONS, AND THE ORDER OF WORK ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WHAT IS STATED ON A CALL OR PROVIDED IN THE MINUTES FOR A CALL CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**

Project overview and status:

- The 6 contracts within FIMI were described with Contract 3 now consisting of 4 contracts:

*Contract #1* is Smith Point County Park which was 50% completed last winter. Work began again this month and it will be completed before April 1, 2016.

*Contract #2* is for the Fire Island Lighthouse Tract and Robert Moses State Park. This contract was modified to include Kismet and Saltaire as all the real estate has been obtained and the contractor agreed to the additional work. The contractor will begin work in early November and it will be completed this winter.

*Contract #3A* is for Fair Harbor to Seaview with the schedule outlined below. This contract will include sand placement, crossover construction, demolitions, relocations and deck removals. Currently the sand placement will be from Seaview to Fair Harbor.

*Contract #3B1* is for sand placement and dune crossover construction from Ocean Bay Park to Davis Park. The current Corps plan is to place sand from east to west; however, the final sand placement plan is currently being developed so there may be modifications.

*Contract #3B2* is for all of the structural work required for Ocean Bay Park to Davis Park which includes work on individual parcels such as relocations, deck modifications, demolitions, etc. and the relocation of the water line on Traffic Avenue and re-routing of access to Cayuga Avenue in Ocean Bay Park.

*Contract #3C* is for the relocation of the Village of Ocean Beach well field.

- Dune crossovers: Pedestrian crossovers will be made of wood and have steps, ADA will also be wood and will have ramps, vehicle will be gravel. Locations, numbers and ADA compliant crossovers have been determined for Contract 2 in Kismet and Saltaire. Status of 3A: County is obtaining surveys of the landward side of existing crossovers to assist the Corps in the final designs of the ADA ramps. Status of 3B: Chris Soller will be reaching out to each community to discuss locations, types and numbers soon. All emergency vehicle access points for the whole project have already been determined for all communities based on County discussions with emergency management groups.

- Engineering work being done by the County for deck and pool removals, house relocations, septic relocations, demolitions, etc. takes time to get it accurate and approved by all parties. The engineer hired by the County, deBruin Engineering, has to inspect the parcel, design the work, develop the plans and specifications, get approvals from the owner, County, DEC and Corps and then apply for and obtain permits. Once permits are in hand, the Corps will add the work to their plans and specs.
- Engineering other than individual parcels: The engineering work associated with the relocation of the Ocean Beach well field, relocation of the waterline in Ocean Bay Park and revised access to Cayuga Ave in Ocean Bay Park has already been assigned to deBruin and plans are progressing.
- Engineering for 3A: Inspections are complete. Plans and specs are nearing completion for the 4 deck removals, 1 septic relocation, 1 house demolition and 1 house relocation. Some are under review with DEC and the Corps now. Once approved, the engineer will send permit applications to the owners for signature and make the application to the appropriate governmental entities. The Corps contractor will do all of the removal and relocation work. Additionally deBruin is assisting the appraisers in developing costs to cure for the owners to rebuild decks that have to be removed for the dune construction.
- Status of the Corps plans and specs for Contract 3A: now 90% complete.
- Engineering for 3B: Suffolk County will be assigning the work to deBruin in mid-October. We do not have the sequence for this work yet but expect the engineer to contact owners to do inspections in the next two weeks.

Real estate update:

- Kismet and Saltaire are done.
- Status of RE in 3A: There are 106 easements, 1 relocation and 1 fee. There were 19 donations, 25 offers have been accepted, 14 are in closing and 4 have been rejected. If there was no response or there are title issues, the parcel will go to eminent domain. The County is starting the maps required for eminent domain, there are 11 now. If someone accepts their offer prior to the Court proceeding, their map will be withdrawn. For parcels where the bank is not cooperating for subordination, the parcel will go to eminent domain as a “friendly” proceeding. County will be filing maps for eminent domain as they are ready as opposed to waiting to do them by community.
- Status of RE in 3B: In Ocean Bay Park there are 19 fee parcels and 12 easements. All appraisals for fee parcels have been approved by the Corps and offers went out the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting for the Corps to determine salvage value now for homes that may be relocated off their parcel. In Point O Woods appraisals are underway with 54 easements and 1 relocation or fee parcel. In Cherry Grove there are 37 easements and appraisals have not been completed. In Fire Island Pines there are 75 easements and 2 relocation or fee parcels. Engineering work is being done now for deck and pool issues and once that is complete the appraisals can be completed. In Water Island there are 14 easements with two new surveys being done now. In Davis Park there are 25 easements and 13 relocations. The engineering work for the relocations has just been assigned to deBruin with inspections to take place in the next two weeks. The engineering work for the one relocation in Point O Woods was assigned to deBruin with the Davis Park relocations.

Schedule update: **ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** – It is impossible to predict all possible issues that may arise that could change the schedule. As of October 8, 2015, the schedule is:

Contract 3A:

Corps completes plans and specifications and puts contract out to bid in December 2015  
County obtains all real estate by mid-December  
NYS certify real estate to the Corps in January 2016  
Corps opens bids in January  
Corps awards contract in February  
Work starts early April depending on contractor's equipment schedule

Contract 3B:

Corps completes plans and specifications and puts contract out to bid in June 2016  
County obtains all real estate by mid-June  
NYS certify real estate to the Corps in June  
Corps opens bids in July  
Corps awards contract in August  
Work starts September depending on contractor's equipment schedule

Contract 3B: no schedule until engineering work is done

Reponses to Questions from Previous Call:

Last call, we were asked what else can be planted in the dune. DEC natural resources staff and the Corps have coordinated on this topic. It has been decided that the only plantings the Corps would allow is American Beach Grass.

All other questions were answered in the minutes of the September 3<sup>rd</sup> call.

Questions: Please keep questions to those that relate to the entire Project. Please email community specific questions to Sue McCormick. If we can't answer a question on the call, we will try to answer it in the minutes; if not, then on the next call. There will be typed minutes of the call so all have the same information in writing which will be distributed as quickly as we can.

*Question #1*: When will construction start for Contract 3A?

*Response #1*: The current schedule is April 2016 at the earliest. The Ocean Beach well relocation will be done under Contract #3C.

*Question #2*: Are ADA compliant dune crossovers required?

*Response #2*: We need to investigate this further. Normally when there is a lifeguarded beach it is required. All ADA crossovers will be individually designed.

*Question #3*: It is understood that each community will get at least one ADA crossover unless they opt out, correct? Can a sketch be provided?

*Response #3*: That is currently planned pending answer to #2 above. We don't have a generic sketch as each will be individually designed. The County's engineer is doing surveys of each location now in Contract 3A to facilitate the design work. Basically each will tie into the existing elevation on the north end of the crossover and will be made of wood with a switch back ramp on each end as needed.

*Question #4:* Will Contract #2 be done by April? Will the Plovers hold up the work?

*Response #4:* Contract #2 is planned to be done by April 1<sup>st</sup> as the DEC permit does not allow work in this area after April 1<sup>st</sup> due to the Plovers. For Contracts #3A and 3B work is allowed in the summer unless a Plover nest is found and then the work must stay 1,000 meters from the nest.

*Question #5:* What is the contract duration for Contract 3A?

*Response #5:* Contract #3A is scheduled to take 4 months provided there is no rough weather that slows the dredging.

*Question #6:* Particularly in Seaview, but also in other communities, the walks are owned by the community and not the Town. Is there a form that the community can sign to give access to the walks for the construction of the ADA crossovers?

*Response #6:* Gail Lolis will reach out to questioner directly to discuss this.

*Question #7:* Will existing crossovers be taken away?

*Response #7:* No. All public crossovers will be replaced by the Corps. Private crossovers will be removed by Corps' contractor and owner will be paid a cost to cure in their offer for the easement.

*Question #8:* Will offers be made to owners who lost their home in Sandy?

*Response #8:* All parcels will receive an offer if not donated. The appraisers will determine if a parcel is buildable or not. If the parcel is vacant and appraised as buildable, it will be appraised as a taking of a buildable parcel.

*Question #9:* As to the issue of buildable, how will coastal laws and town codes be taken into consideration?

*Response #9:* The appraiser will consider state and local laws and regulations and whether a variance is available. It may differ between Islip and Brookhaven.

*Question #10:* How will work be done through the summer?

*Response #10:* The contractor will be directed via the specifications to work in sections that will be between 500 and 1,000 feet wide, one section at a time. Crossovers will be removed as the contractor gets to that section and rebuilt once the sand has been placed. No community should find itself without beach during the summer.

*Question #11:* Does the sand placement (Contract #3B1) and the structural work (Contract #3B2) have to be done separately?

*Response #11:* We have not figured out the sequencing of this work yet.

*Question #12:* What is planned for the Ocean Beach jetties?

*Response #12:* We will respond to Ocean Beach via email after the call.