

OFFICE of the SUPERVISOR



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Supervisor

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Hon. Steve Bellone, Executive
Office of the Suffolk County Executive
100 Veterans Memorial Hwy.
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dear Executive Bellone:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the residents of the Town of Islip, particularly those who reside in the Idle Hour Section of Oakdale. In recent years, particularly since Superstorm Sandy, the flooding these residents have experienced has increased dramatically.

One of the major problems the residents have cited in our discussions with other Town Officials is that they have been waiting for the County to perform much needed dredging in the Grand Canal which leads into the Connetquot River and ultimately out to the Great South Bay. Currently I am informed that this project is number 60 on the County's list of similar projects. However, due to the urgency of the matter, I am respectfully requesting that you move this project up on the County's list of priorities.

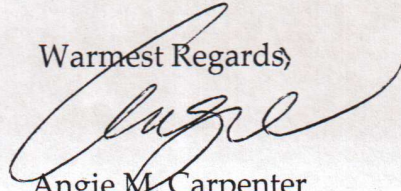
The wetlands in this particular area are in desperate need of flushing and due to the lack of dredging are becoming land locked. Essential flora and fauna in this region are being harmed and destroyed as the natural flushing that should occur cannot take place without the essential dredging. I know that you have stated many times that wetland preservation is of utmost importance to you, and therefore I ask you to please take a serious look into this matter.

In addition the environmental harm that is coming from the long wait for dredging, there is a serious concern regarding the property of the residents of the surrounding community. With Sandy still fresh on everyone's minds, and a potential impending

threat from Hurricane Joaquin, the residents are concerned that without action that they will have to face similar nightmares again such as those faced in 2012.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If I, or my office, can ever be of any assistance do not hesitate to call upon me.

Warmest Regards,



Angie M. Carpenter
Islip Town Supervisor

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CC: Mr. Gil Anderson, Commissioner of DPW, Suffolk County
Mr. Brian Lawry, Idle Hour Civic Association
Mr. Andrew Cohen, Idle Hour Civic Association