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BISHOP, ROUSE ANNOUNCE \$200K TO PROTECT LONG ISLAND SOUND AND ROCKY POINT RESIDENTS

Rocky Point—On Monday afternoon, Congressman Tim Bishop and Brookhaven Town Highway Superintendent John Rouse announced a \$200,000 appropriation to reduce polluting runoff into the Long Island Sound and to curb flooding along Woodhull Landing Road in Rocky Point. Bishop secured \$200,000 to install 50 additional drainage structures and basins along the North Shore of the Town of Brookhaven. These improvements will replace the Town's piped systems, which empty out into the Sound.

“This is an important first step in preventing deterioration of the roadway and to curb flooding in front of residents’ homes,” Bishop stated. “I am proud to have the opportunity to partner with John Rouse to preserve the quality of life of Rocky Point residents. John has been extremely proactive in seeking a resolution that is effective, yet friendly to taxpayers.”

The officials held an event in Rocky Point at one of the sites where improvements are taking place. Bishop secured the funding as part of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which was signed into law by the President in December. Rouse discussed the Highway Department's progress in implementing the improvements.

Drainage problems have long plagued Woodhull Landing Road in Rocky Point with high speed and high volume runoff. The drainage basins will be the first major step taken to address this issue. The basins will reduce the flow of water that begins on Route 25A flowing north to the Long Island Sound. The flow of water has eroded the roadway in the past and this measure is expected to address that problem while controlling the amount of contaminants that are discharged into the Sound.

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