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Community Notice:

The NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation has provided the update below regarding the Spring Creek resiliency project.

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Site work for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Spring Creek Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project will begin in early October, continuing through January 2016. Investigatory fieldwork, part of Phase 1, Engineering Design and Permitting, will include soils and water sampling, subsurface testing, and biological, topographic, aerial and bathymetric surveying. The data collected will inform the design for the project. Community residents can expect to see equipment such as a mobile geotechnical drilling rig and survey tripods in the park.

DEC's project contractor, the US Army Corps of Engineers, awarded the contract for Phase 1 to environmental consulting and engineering firm Princeton Hydro on September 2, 2015. Subcontractors include Parsons Brinckerhoff, HDR, and Rogers Surveying.

The \$3.34 million (Phase 1) DEC project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The project goal is to reduce damages to the Howard Beach community from future storm events. Upon Phase 1 approval, Phase 2, Construction, is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2017. Funding for Phase 2 totals \$65.8 million.

Spring Creek South is part of Gateway National Recreation Area, managed by the US National Park Service.