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## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

To: Board Members

From: Susan Seinfeld, District Manager

Date: July 22, 2010

Re: Reconstruction of the New Douglaston Pumping Station

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The CB11 Environmental and Parks Committees met on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 with the Department of Environmental Protection to see a presentation of the plans for the reconstruction of the new Douglaston Pumping Station located in Alley Pond Park at the service road of the Long Island Expressway westbound just east of the Cross Island Parkway. Committee members in attendance were Henry Euler, Chair, Environmental Committee, Laura James, Christine Scherer, Incha Kim, and Ed Braunstein. Representing DEP were Karen Ellis, Linda Kendall, Ruth Kreiger and Scott Davis. Representatives of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) attending the meeting were Kevin Forma and Michael Agnello.

Mr. Davis and Ms. Kreiger, the contractors for the job, gave a power point presentation. The pumping station has not been reconstructed since the 1970s and it is not efficient. Temporary pumps had to be installed until reconstruction proceeds. This station services the area south of the LIE. The sewage is pumped to the Tallsman Island treatment plant. The upgrade will include concrete rehabilitation of the station, repair/replacement of steel supports, repair of the roof, new controls and new lighting. From the pumping station a new force main will be installed. This main goes north to 240 Street and 53 Avenue where there is a terminal manhole which links to the pipes going to the water treatment plant. Since the station and main pipe runs through the park, some trees have to be removed but they are planting 305 new trees and shrubs.

The project is in design and construction should start in November of 2011 and be completed in May of 2014.

The concerns were raised by the committee members and answered. Henry Euler requested that residents at 240 Street be notified by DEP when the project starts, and if an Environmental Impact Study is being done, which it is. Mr. Agnello said that there is a graffiti problem in the park area and he is working with the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He asked if NYPD could possibly use the electricity from the pumping station for power for surveillance cameras. DEP will ask design engineers about the feasibility.

DEP also clarified that at Northern Boulevard there is the old Douglaston Pumping Station that has just been reconstructed in conjunction with the Alley Creek Drainage Project. There is another Douglaston Pumping Station on Douglaston Parkway south of West Alley Road, also on Park Dept. property alongside the Cross Island Parkway.

Copies of the presentation are available for board members, if requested.