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UPDATED US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT

Yesterday, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Town of Riverhead held a (virtual) meeting to discuss flooding issues along the Peconic Riverfront. Supervisor Aguiar, Councilwoman Kent (Town Board liaison for the Downtown Revitalization Committee) and members of our Engineering, Building/Planning and Community Development Agency Departments participated in the meeting.

A substantial amount of information regarding the history of flooding on the Riverfront was shared. The USACE team was provided with a thorough historical perspective concerning flooding on the Peconic Riverfront. The USACE Team advised, they will be conducting a site visit in the near future, once we are on post-pandemic status. The USACE team has also offered to assist Riverhead Town in moving to the next step. Riverhead Town will be applying for Federal Funding, which consists of Flood Plain Management Services (FPMS). Flood Plain Management fosters an understanding of flood risks, management and promotes prudent use management of floodplains.

We thank Congressman Lee Zeldin for leading this effort, and his continued efforts to support Riverhead Town at the Federal level.