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RIVERHEAD TOWN AWARDED \$1.34 MILLION FOR SEWER UPGRADES AT CALVERTON ENTERPRISE PARK

Riverhead, NY – Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced yesterday that Enterprise Park at Calverton (EPCAL) was awarded a \$1.34 million grant towards sewage treatment upgrades.

Cuomo made the announcement on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the award ceremony for Round 3 of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative. The governor identified the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council (“LIREDC”) 2013 plan for long-term economic growth as a Top Performer Awardee with \$83 million awarded under the statewide competition.

Supervisor Sean M. Walter noted that the LIREDC identified EPCAL in both the 2011 Strategic Plan and the LIREDC 2012 report as a “‘Regional Significant Priority Project’ for creating skilled, high-value jobs and synergistic partnerships.”

New York State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle said, “This project has the highest priority for myself, the Supervisor and the Town Board. It’s a first step in meeting a critical need that will produce economic development and job creation for the Town and the east end.”

The EPCAL sewage treatment plant upgrade from secondary to tertiary treatment will result in both economic development and environmental benefits with immediate potential for job creation benefits, according to Walter.

“EPCAL is Long Island’s largest tract of developable land,” Walter said. “This award recognizes the fact that this is Long Island’s largest real estate project and that it is one of the regions few chances left to generate lasting quality jobs and tax revenues for the benefit of all Long Island and New York State residents.”

The Sewage Plant upgrade supports the EPCAL Reuse & Revitalization Plan to provide a shovel ready site within 90 days in order to streamline the approval process and in turn, lowering the cost of doing business. “The goal of redeveloping EPCAL at the federal, state, county and local level is to create sustainable economic development that combat dependence on low-paying service-sector jobs in retail, health care and tourism by creating higher paying manufacturing and construction jobs,” Community Development Director Chris Kempner said.

“The EPCAL Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade capitalizes on existing infrastructure and key regional institutions and resources while protecting the Peconic Estuary,” Walter said. “The Peconic Estuary is vital to sustainable job

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creation. EPCAL's proximity to Brookhaven National Lab and Stony Brook University is key to regional partnerships for innovation and industry clusters."

Walter said he was "extremely appreciative of the strong support and leadership of Long Island Regional Economic Development Council and Empire State Development Long Island Regional Director Andrea Lohneiss. This project would likely not have been funded without such vocal advocates of its merits."

The Enterprise Park at Calverton (EPCAL) located in the Town of Riverhead is a planned redevelopment of a 2,900-acre property formerly known as the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant at Calverton, and leased to the Grumman Corporation for final assembly and flight-testing of military aircraft. In 1996, defense downsizing resulted in closure of the Grumman facility and the U.S. Government transferred the site to the Town of Riverhead Community Development Agency in September 1998 for economic development. The departure of Grumman resulted in the loss of some 3,000 jobs and \$1.1 million in tax revenues to the Town of Riverhead.

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