



TOWN OF IRONDEQUOIT

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Mary Ellen Heyman, Supervisor

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SUPERVISOR HEYMAN AND ASSEMBLYMAN MORELLE ANNOUNCE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR TOWN OF IRONDEQUOIT

Irondequoit Supervisor Mary Ellen Heyman today announced a \$600,000 infrastructure grant to repair a failing steep slope along Seneca Road. The grant was secured by Assemblyman Morelle through New York State's Multi-Modal Program, which funds transportation-related projects.

Failures of the embankment along Seneca Road have been an ongoing problem for over 20 years, including a home sliding into Irondequoit Bay several years ago. Nearly every year, the Town's Department of Public Works has to shore up sections of the road and slopes to prevent a catastrophic failure that would endanger homes and block access to the Newport Yacht Club.

"The situation is quite serious, and can't be postponed any longer," said DPW Commissioner Marty Piecuch. "The human and economic costs will only increase with time."

"I've made infrastructure and the environment a priority," said Supervisor Heyman. "There's nothing glamorous about erosion and sewers, but we have to address these tough issues if the Town wants to prosper. I thank Assemblyman Morelle for his strong and generous support."

"I'm proud of Supervisor Heyman's leadership on these crucial environmental and infrastructure issues," said Assemblyman Morelle. "This grant will relieve taxpayers of the burden of paying for a problem that should have been corrected years ago. I'm pleased to be able to help the Town of Irondequoit take this important step forward on behalf of the safety and well-being of citizens."

The Town of Irondequoit is in the midst of a multi-faceted strategy to preserve the steep slopes along Irondequoit Bay. Mailings and public forums have been conducted to educate property owners about proper land management along the slopes. The Town has stepped up enforcement of existing building codes and environmental regulations to help prevent illegal actions that can lead to erosion.

Extensive remediation was recently completed to repair a slope in the German Village neighborhood which failed in 2004. The Town is working on a Slope Conservation and Management Plan, which is expected to become a state and national model.

In addition, the Town has undertaken a multi-year, multi-million dollar commitment to repair sections of its storm and sanitary sewer system. This investment will eliminate many longstanding problems such as erosion, storm water overflows into the Bay, and basement flooding.

Stabilization of the Seneca Road embankments is a multi-phase project. The grant will allow the sections of highest concern to be repaired immediately. Construction is expected to begin this Fall and be completed in 3-4 months.

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