

**SCHUMER ANNOUNCES SENATE APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES HIS REQUEST FOR
FUNDING FOR FORGE RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD
CONTROL AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT—
PROJECT SET TO RECEIVE \$400,000**

Funding Would Be Used To Continue the Feasibility Phase of the Study that Will Assess the Federal Interest for Potential Flood Control, Ecosystem Restoration and other Opportunities Within the Project Area

Schumer Worked Closely with Subcommittee to Include Funding In FY2011 Spending Bill

Bill Will Now Be Sent To The Full Senate Appropriations Committee

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer today announced that the Senate Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee has approved the FY11 Appropriations Bill which includes \$400,000 for the Town of Forge River Watershed in Suffolk County. The funding will be used to further investigate potential solutions for flood control and ecosystem restoration projects. Schumer worked closely with members of the Appropriations Committee to include funding for the project in this year's spending bill.

“The research promoted by this funding will be great way to not only protect residents from potentially devastating flooding, but also restore the local ecosystem,” Schumer said. “The Forge River Watershed is a beautiful area in Suffolk County that must be protected and maintained and this funding will do just that. I will fight to see this funding through the full appropriations process.”

The research subsidized by this funding will combat the hazardous effects of the Forge River. The river has been classified by the NYSDEC as an impaired waterway. Discoloration and odor suggest the waterway has deteriorated and may pose a health and safety risk to users and nearby communities. Areas of the river are experiencing erosion and alterations to landforms along the banks, and sediment rich in nutrients may be the result of a history of duck farming along the river, as well as other possible ground-water intrusion sources. The town of Forge River Watershed is committed to implementing responsible environmental practices and this project represents an opportunity to further that goal.

Now that the bill has been approved by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, it will be sent to the full Senate Appropriations Committee which is set to pass the bill this afternoon. Following approval by the Full Committee and the Senate, the bill will move towards Conference with the House and then to the President for signature.