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Commissioner Sapienza  
New York City Department of Environmental Protection  
59-17 Junction Boulevard  
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RE: Chronic and repeated flooding

I am writing today in regard to complaints my office has received of flooding along Hylan Blvd near the Mount Loretto Unique Area. As you know, a number of capital projects which have been funded in part by local elected officials going back over 10 years were aimed at alleviating the chronic flooding condition that occurs on the southern portion of Hylan Boulevard in the 51st District near the Mount Loretto Unique Area. However, as of today it's clear that the very same area continues to flood. In fact, there are two new BMP ponds on either side of the boulevard in addition to storm sewers, yet the street in this location is partially submerged whenever there is significant rainfall. Over \$10,000,000.00 of tax payer money was spent on the Richard Avenue Sanitary and Storm water project (SE-734), yet it seems the issue still persists.

I would like to know if there was any follow up was made by the DEP or DDC to ensure that work was properly done to meet the requirements needed for the project. Due to the current water issue, something was clearly missed. I would also like to know if there is any guarantee of work that the contractor can be held to and how the issue is to be remedied so it does not continue for years to come. To continue to have a water issue after spending taxpayer money to fix the issue is simply unacceptable. Please feel free to reach out to my office, should you need any additional information. I look forward to hearing back soon.

Regards,

  
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CC: Acting Commissioner Barrio @ DDC