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Dear Colonel Young:

I am writing to respectfully request the assistance of the ACOE to replace the failing Asharoken seawall and the extensively eroded beach seaward of it. Let me give you a brief history of the seawall

In 1997 the ACOE constructed a 900 foot seawall to protect Asharoken Avenue from being breached by storms and high tides. Over the last twenty six years the seawall has deteriorated significantly and the beach in front of it has severely eroded. As a result, the seawall has reached a condition that requires replacement. The failure to do so could result in the seawall's catastrophic collapse, the loss of Asharoken Avenue and access to Eaton's Neck and the US Coast Guard Station.

Following superstorm Sandy, the Village restarted a feasibility study with the ACOE to restore three miles of beach as well as the seawall. Unfortunately, the residents of the Village turned this project down due to the public access to private beach requirements. The Village then went back to the ACOE, and working with it's Congressman Tom Suozzi, pursued a project just dedicated to the seawall area. After about a year and a half of discussions the ACOE decided that it would not consider a limited project and would only work on the seawall if the previously rejected full beach restoration was restarted.

I recently had a discussion with Matt Chelbus from the NYSDEC and he suggested that I write to you to see if the ACOE could change its mind and agree to help the Village with a seawall only project.

The Village of Asharoken is very small and would significantly benefit from the participation of the ACOE in the design and reconstruction of the seawall, as well as replenishment of the beach seaward of the seawall. Approximately 2000 people rely on the seawall to keep the Asharoken Avenue open. Their safety and well-being is contingent on the seawall protecting the only road to Eaton's Neck.

Although the ACOE has previously chosen not to consider a seawall only project, I would be remiss not to ask if the ACOE could reconsider this decision. I would like to have the opportunity to speak with you and see if there is a way that the Village and the ACOE could partner on this much needed project. My email is gletica@asharokenny.org and my cell number is 631-897-3186.

I looked forward to discussing this important project with you in the near future.

Sincerely

Mayor Dr. Gregory Letica