

## Sewer Expansion Grows Opportunities for Central Islip

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Representatives from New York State, Suffolk County and the Town of Islip celebrate completion of the Carleton Avenue sewer expansion project on December 3, 2024 in Central Islip, N.Y.

Sen. Martinez announces completion of wastewater treatment project necessary for redevelopment.

A \$13.7 million sewer expansion for downtown Central Islip has been completed, New York State Sen. Monica R. Martinez, Gov. Kathy Hochul, and local officials announced. The project installed approximately 4,500 feet of new sewer line, which will serve the Central Islip business district with an average flow of 277,000 gallons per day. This increased capacity is critical for Central Islip's ongoing redevelopment and revitalization efforts along Carleton Avenue, including compact, mixed-use development near the Long Island Rail Road station, walkable streetscapes, and other public amenities.

Funding for the project flowed from multiple levels of government, including:

- \$2 million from the New York Department of State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative;
- \$7.2 million from the U.S. Department of Commerce;
- \$1 million from the Town of Islip IDA;
- \$1.8 million from Suffolk County; and,
- \$1.7 million from the Town of Islip.

"Suffolk County's economic potential is tied to the capacity of its wastewater infrastructure," said Sen. Martinez. "Investing in water treatment capacity is one of the most important ways municipalities support a community's growth, and completing the Central Islip Sewer Project will sustain and enhance the vitality of this downtown corridor. Today is a recognition of that investment and of the collaboration between New York State and its federal, county and town partners to make it happen."



Photo: New York Secretary of State Walter T. Mosley (center), announces completion of the Carleton Avenue sewer expansion project during a press conference on December 3, 2024 with Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter (left) and Suffolk County Executive Edward P. Romaine (right) in Central Islip, N.Y.

New York State's contribution toward the expansion came through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, which was launched in 2016 to accelerate and bolster the revitalization of downtowns and neighborhoods in all 10 regions of the state. It aims to create vibrant centers of activity that serve as catalysts for increased local investments. This funding highlights the critical role state-level support plays in driving infrastructure improvements and fostering community revitalization.

With work on the Carleton Avenue wastewater project now complete, residents and businesses in the expanded sewer area are encouraged to visit the Town of Islip's informational page for details on the service and how to connect.



Photo (left to right): Town of Islip Councilman Jorge Guadrón and New York State Senator Monica R. Martinez announce completion of the Carleton Avenue sewer expansion project during a press conference on December 4, 2024 in Central Islip, N.Y.