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## Majority Leader Flanagan, Senator Marcellino Secure \$5 Million State Grant For Village Of Northport Sewer Fix

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New York State Senate Majority Leader John J. Flanagan and Senator Carl L. Marcellino today announced they have secured a \$5 million state grant to allow the Village of Northport to complete a mandated and expensive sewer fix at no additional cost to hardworking local taxpayers.

Senator Flanagan and Senator Marcellino, a senior member of the state Legislature and former Chair of the Senate's Environmental Conservation Committee, have directed the monies be used to provide the Village with the necessary funds to replace two deteriorating, leak-prone, Depression-era sewer mains that are falling apart and must be replaced. The work being performed will also reduce nitrogen levels and protect the environment in and around the sewer mains.

The mains are located on the Northport Harbor's bed (the Shoreline Sewer) and on the edge of the hillside above it (the Woodbine Force Main).

Senate Majority Leader Flanagan said, "I am pleased to join Senator Marcellino in announcing these important funds to assist the Village of Northport in meeting a very pressing and very real need. Senator Marcellino has worked extraordinarily hard to secure this much-needed state grant so that local taxpayers are protected. This is another example of his commitment to delivering for the people he represents."

Senator Carl L. Marcellino said, "Sewers are the hidden impediment to economic revitalization and crucial to protecting our environment. The benefits from this grant are twofold. In the short term, we're addressing issues of public safety and quality of life, but in the long term this sewer project will go a long way toward improving the economic viability of the Northport community and protecting Northport Harbor. A break in this system would have resulted in roadway destabilization and runoff into Northport Harbor and the Long Island Sound."

Village of Northport Mayor George Doll said, "These funds will help Northport make the necessary improvements that are long overdue to strengthen our sewers. Reliable and safe infrastructure and clean, safe water are the foundation for a strong economy and healthy community. I'm grateful to Senators Flanagan and Marcellino for fighting for us for this

much needed assistance.”

Village of Northport Deputy Mayor Henry Tobin said, “These funds are vital to the environmental and economic well-being of Northport. Thank you Senators Flanagan and Marcellino for your help. It is essential that we work together so that Northport can fix its crumbling sewers and protect our environment.”

Without these funds, the Village would be forced to pay for the entire cost of the project at significant additional cost to local taxpayers.

“We need to continue to work to make Long Island more affordable so our constituents can provide for their families, succeed, and get ahead. Senator Marcellino keenly understands this and he’s working every day to make it happen for the residents of the 5<sup>th</sup> Senate district. I am proud to partner with him to get a positive result for the Village of Northport,” Senator Flanagan concluded.