



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Monica R. Martinez

## \$26.4 Million Dollars to be Diverted to the Expansion of Sewers in Oakdale

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(Oakdale, NY); On February 8th, 2019, Senator Monica R. Martinez attended the Regional State of Long Island address where Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that he would be redirecting federal and state funding to expand the current sewer systems in Oakdale.

The \$26.4 million, previously dedicated to Great River, was voted down in a public referendum in January. As a direct result of Senator Martinez and her tireless advocacy for this project, this funding will work to connect 400 additional homes in the area she represents that currently depend on antiquated septic systems, and will hopefully reduce nitrogen loading into the Great South Bay.

Suffolk County will manage this project, and the funds will cover planning and implementation of this project. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020.

Together with the Mastic, Babylon, and Patchogue projects, this will be the largest expansion of a sewer system in Suffolk County since the 1970's. The project may be subject to an additional vote by the residents of this area.

“I want to start by thanking the Governor for working to redirect federal and state funding to expand the current sewer system in Oakdale,” stated Senator Martinez. “This is crucial to the health and well being of all residents in this area, and to the health of the Great South Bay. I am thrilled to see this much needed infrastructure funding being diverted to the Third Senatorial District.”

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