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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
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Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy,

I am writing to request a timeline for the anticipated ground breaking and completion of construction of the Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet shore protection project. Many of the communities that will benefit from this project suffered some of the most extreme damage from Hurricane Sandy, and remain extremely vulnerable as we enter another Hurricane season. With the local area's history of suffering extreme damage and continued vulnerabilities we need to begin construction as soon as possible in order to prevent damage from future storms.

On May 30th the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) submitted the "Second Interim Report, Disaster Relief Appropriations Act 2013" to Congress. This report outlined many of the previously authorized but unfinished projects within the North Atlantic division, and gave a cost estimate for completing each project. As you are aware, the Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet project was listed in the report.

While I understand that the ACOE listed many projects, which all merit the ACOE's attention, I respectfully ask you to please consider areas that suffered the most damage from Hurricane Sandy, and remain the most vulnerable to future storm damage when developing a project priority list. I am certain that the Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet project meet these criteria.

I thank you for your consideration of my request and look forward to working with you in seeing completion of this project.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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