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## Senator Fuschillo: State Budget Includes Funding for Jones Beach Improvement Projects

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Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick) announced that the recently approved New York State Budget contains \$11.75 million in funding to make improvements at Jones Beach.

The \$11.75 million improvement project will help rehabilitate the West bathhouse building and swimming pool, the Jones Beach boardwalk, and electrical and water systems at the Park. The project is part of the New York Works program.

"Jones Beach is the jewel of the state's parks system. Rehabilitating the West Bathhouse building and swimming pool, the boardwalk, and electrical and water systems are important steps in preserving the rich history of a Long Island landmark," said Senator Fuschillo.

"Millions and millions of visitors enjoy Jones Beach each year, and this investment will enable their continued enjoyment of visiting the beach and park for many years to come."

The project is part of the New York Works Program, created in the state budget to accelerate infrastructure projects through smarter investment and improved coordination of state resources. The budget also created a new New York Works Task Force to coordinate funding among 45 state agencies and authorities, as well as recommend financing options and ways to accelerate project construction.

Senator Fuschillo previously secured \$100,000 in state funding to help the State Parks Department develop a master plan for Jones Beach. The technical plan was designed to help identify Jones Beach's needs and provide a plan for future improvements. That master plan has allowed these improvements at the Park to be "shovel ready."