



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Addabbo Calls for Security Upgrades in Spring Creek Project

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Howard Beach, NY (August 5, 2016) In an effort to improve safety around Spring Creek Park in Howard Beach, Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. is calling on the federal National Park Service and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to install security measures near the park while carrying out an upcoming flood mitigation project in the same area.

Since late last year, the Senator has informed the constituents in his district that DEC was in the planning stages of a project, set to begin in 2017, to install an elevated berm at Spring Creek South that will help protect against flooding and other storm related issues. Addabbo is urging the agency to consider amending their plans to allow for security measures to also be installed while the construction is taking place.

“The safety of individuals in and around Spring Creek Park has been an issue for years and a recent tragedy there has shed serious light on the need for major security additions at Spring Creek,” said Addabbo. “While I agree it is important that we cherish and preserve what little undeveloped park space we have here in Queens, it should not come at the cost of sacrificing a person’s safety. It is time that we protect those who frequent this area by providing proper security measures – whether that be cameras, lighting or other devices – that will not only deter criminals from committing heinous acts, but will also help law enforcement.”

The Senator is urging an amendment to the plans for the Spring Creek flood mitigation project to include the installation of safety features while the project is still in its early stages.

“With construction plans currently being drawn up to install the elevated berm in this area, it only makes sense to also install security measures while already doing work at Spring Creek,” Addabbo said. “I hope that, with the people of Howard Beach and their well-being in mind, agencies will consider this suggestion and alter any existing plans, thus using this upcoming project as an opportunity introduce some much-needed security devices.”