

Dear Constituent,

I hope this email finds you well, particularly in light of last week's storm. Below please find more information about recovery efforts and available assistance. I will continue to share more as additional resources and information become available.

Weather events like this are becoming more common due to our changing climate. Click here to read a recent article from LoHud which explains why our region will be more prone to flash flooding in the coming years. Please know that I am working hard to ensure we get the funding and support we need to make our infrastructure more resilient in the face of climate change. I am also pushing for meaningful climate action. There is still time to head off the worst-case climate scenario and not a moment to waste.

Please feel free to call my district office at (914) 941-1111 or email levenbergd@nyassembly.gov if you have any questions or need any assistance accessing recovery resources or anything else.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg



Observing storm damage in Cold Spring last Monday with Village, Town and County leaders

Damage Self-Reporting Tool

New York State is collecting reports of damages to local homes & businesses to support our application for federal disaster relief. An inventory of damages is needed to determine if the amount of private property damage in this region meets the threshold for FEMA reimbursement. If you sustained any property damage during the recent storm, please click here to report it as soon as possible. Note that this form is NOT an

application for relief programs, but the information you submit will be helpful in our efforts to get more relief. Separately, be sure to document your damage in photos and keep receipts for costs related to storm damage in case you qualify for reimbursement.

I have signed on to a letter in support of Governor Hochul's request for a Major Disaster Declaration for our region. I believe we need immediate relief from the federal government to help us with this most recent storm. Going forward, we must continue to work together at the local, state and federal levels to improve the capacity and resiliency of this region's stormwater infrastructure. The funding that President Biden's infrastructure law has made available to states and municipalities will be very helpful in this regard, and I will continue to work to ensure we get our fair share.

Assistance from the Department of Financial Services

New York's Department of Financial Services (DFS) is providing assistance to residents affected by flooding. Individuals can call the DFS Disaster Hotline at (800) 339-1759 or visit the DFS <u>Disaster and Flood Recovery Resources</u> page to learn more about available resources for recovery.

American Red Cross

With this storm, or any other disaster, people can reach out to the American Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-831-0927). The Red Cross can provide assistance with immediate needs such as financial aid for food, shelter, and clothing; help replacing prescriptions and medical supplies; emotional support and crisis counseling; referrals to agencies that help with long-term recovery, and more.

Disaster Distress Helpline

If you are experiencing emotional distress after last week's storm, you can call or text 1-800-985-5990 to speak with a trained disaster counselor.