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**Assemblyman Rory Lancman, 25th District, Queens
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Assemblyman Lancman Brings Together DEP Officials and Home Owners That Suffer From Frequent Flooding on Their Property **DEP Officials are made aware of unsolved and recurring problems with water drainage**

Assemblyman Rory Lancman (D-Queens), gathered civic leaders and flood affected home owners to present Department of Environmental Protection officials Debra Pucci and Christopher Villari a map of affected homes within the 25th Assembly District at the Parson Beacon School Thursday night. The meeting's purpose was to seek out solutions and make the DEP aware of ongoing problems. The 30 home owners that attended the meeting enlightened the DEP to specific infrastructure flaws and recurring drainage problems. "It is the beginning of what I suspect will be a long but fruitful process that together we will be able to solve what is becoming a frequent flooding problem within our communities," said Assemblyman Lancman.

The DEP representatives proposed installing computerized flow sensors within the storm drain sewers to help pinpoint the problems. Though the scope and the date of implementation is still to be determined, Lancman stated "I'm glad to work together to address the flooding in Queens. We have secured commitments from the DEP that specific locations will have actions taken to prevent further flooding."

The specific locations include

- 162nd Street and Northern Blvd
- 65th Avenue and Utopia Parkway
- 33rd Avenue and 164th Street

"Whether in the form of changing grates on the drain basins, plugging holes in drainage lines or long term infrastructure improvements every aspect of system maintenance helps prevent further flooding," Lancman concluded.



Assemblyman Rory Lancman (D-Queens), discussing with DEP officials Christopher Villari, and Debra Pucci what sort of solutions DEP can provide for home owners who suffered in last year's flooding and continue to suffer with flooded properties after rain storms.

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