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## Thanks and Excitement from City as Ferry Project Begins

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Mayor Ralph V. Suozzi was pleased to announce the commencement of construction on the new Glen Cove Ferry Terminal and Boat Basin. This exciting announcement came as local, state and federal elected officials joined Mayor Suozzi on June 1 for the official groundbreaking ceremony for one of Glen Cove's most significant transportation projects.

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of RXR Glen  
Isle; Mayor  
Ralph V.  
Suozzi;



Executive Director of the Glen Cove CDA/IDA Kelly Morris; Glen Cove City Councilman Sean Dwyer; Regional Representative for Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Kristen Walsh; Regional Representative for Senator Charles Schumer, Gerry Petrella; NYS Secretary of State Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez; Minority Leader of the Nassau County Legislature, Diane Yatauro; District Director for Congressman Peter King, Anne Rosenfeld; Glen Cove City Councilman Michael Famiglietti; Glen Cove City Councilwoman Delia DeRiggi-Whitton; Glen Cove City Councilman Anthony Jimenez; John Cameron of Cameron Engineering.

The City of Glen Cove has been working with transportation entities statewide to restore ferry service as an integral component of our Waterfront Revitalization plan. This new ferry will link commuters and tourists from Long Island to New York City with the possibility of future Long Island Sound destinations. New opportunities for tourism, entertainment and recreation will be available to those who visit the city as well as those North Shore residents who want to avoid traveling through the traffic

congested corridors to Manhattan. Not only will the ferry be a regional transportation reliever, it will bring about an economic boost, create jobs and improve transportation linkages to and from downtown Glen Cove.

A strategic element in the multi-modal transit development along the waterfront, this new ferry service will have the long term potential of ferrying approximately 1,600 passengers each weekday, reducing up to 48,000 vehicle miles traveled each commuting day and leading to better environmental air quality. The Glen Cove Ferry Terminal and Boat Basin is an environmentally friendly project, utilizing green building technologies, running on natural gas or clean diesel, and reducing auto emissions and vehicular demand on local roads.

Chesterfield Associates has been awarded the contract for waterborne improvements which will include, but are not limited to, surface parking, docks, bulkheads and laying the foundation for the building that will follow.

“The Glen Cove Ferry Terminal will be a welcome addition to our community as we work to bring new life to our waterfront and improve connections to our downtown. As mayor, I am proud that this project is environmentally responsible and that it returns vacant property to productive use, providing an important economic boost to our city. This is a significant milestone for Glen Cove and the benefits of this new form of transportation connection will be felt throughout the North Shore and the larger Long Island community,” said Mayor Suozzi.

A number of governmental and public agencies as well as private companies have assisted the city in its efforts, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Highway Administration, the NYS Department of State, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Department of Transportation, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), Nassau County agencies including the Nassau County Planning Commission, the Long Island Regional Planning Council, Vision Long Island, RXR Glen Isle, Cameron Engineering, Dvirka & Bartilucci and AECOM. Glen Cove has worked with our U.S. Congressional Delegation to secure federal funding for design and construction, enabling the city to have a shovel-ready project qualifying for stimulus money, federal appropriations and funding from the Empire State Development Corporation’s Restore New York Program.

“This project has been a tremendous effort on the part of hundreds of individuals in a number of agencies in the city and throughout the state who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we were able to make it to this groundbreaking. This has truly been a collaborative project and we are excited to begin this new chapter in Glen Cove’s history,” said Kelly Morris, executive director of the Glen Cove Community Development Agency and Industrial Development Agency.

Mayor Suozzi continued, “I extend my deepest gratitude to all those who have worked with us throughout the process of securing funding and planning for this project, especially United States Senator Charles Schumer, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and United States Congressman Peter King. Our city appreciates the support and assistance we have received from a number of agencies and departments throughout New York State, including the governor’s Office, and I am pleased that so many of their representatives were able to join us for this significant groundbreaking.”

For more information on the Glen Cove Ferry Project, visit [www.glencove-li.com](http://www.glencove-li.com) and click on “City of Glen Cove Studies and Projects.”