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NJMC to Replace West Riser Tide Gate

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) today announced that it will replace the West Riser Tide Gate along Berry’s Creek in Moonachie to better protect Teterboro airport and additional properties upstream from daily tidal flooding and storm events.

The \$1,111,800 restoration project is being partially funded by a \$551,800 grant from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ). The NJMC will fund the remaining cost of construction. Bergen County has agreed to maintain the new tide gate in perpetuity. The work is expected to begin this fall and should be completed in early 2014.

“The NJMC would like to thank the PANYNJ and Bergen County for their valuable contributions to this important initiative,” said Marcia Karrow, Executive Director of the NJMC. “The West Riser Tide Gate Restoration Project is a great example of governmental agencies working together for the benefit of the public.”

“By working together, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission and the Port Authority will help protect the homes and businesses of South Bergen while also protecting Teterboro Airport,” said Port Authority Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni. “Under Governor Christie’s leadership, we will make sure that we do everything we can to protect the people and neighborhoods of Bergen County.”

“I extremely pleased that flooding issues in South Bergen are being addressed by the NJMC with the help of the Port Authority,” said Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan, also a former chair of the Port Authority. “The county’s work with the NJMC epitomizes the kind of important intergovernmental cooperation that I have made a priority during my time in office.”

The work to be performed under this contract includes the installation of a new sheet pile structure in the West Riser ditch onto which four tide gates and a trash rack will be attached, as well as the removal of the existing tide gate structure. A catwalk will also be built atop the sheet pile for maintenance and inspection access.

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