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RESOLUTION

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Committee of Origin: Environment, Parks and Open Space

Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Absentions, 0 Present/Not Voting

WHEREAS, the Harlem/East River Esplanade in Manhattan Community Board 11 (“CB11”) extends from 96th Street to 142nd Street, and all of that area must be included in the allocated Federal, State and City funds for its major infrastructure and design improvements; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive planning waterfront resiliency study has been funded, and approximately \$20 million in City funding has been allocated for the reconstruction and stabilization of retaining walls and seawalls from 90th Street to 125th Street; and

WHEREAS, the City has already approved a portion of the funds- \$35 million- over three fiscal years needed to complete Esplanade improvements in the emergency soft areas to make the Esplanade safe for users; and

WHEREAS, much more funding is urgently needed in order to fully fund the Esplanade’s improvements, given its ever worsening condition, especially at 115th Street and 142nd Street;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that CB11 should be informed of the results of the waterfront resiliency study so that we may be able to identify overlapping benefits to the public from flood and storm surge protection by the creation of green/natural buffers along the water’s edge on the Harlem/East River Esplanade; and

RESOLVED, that CB11 urges the City, as soon as possible, to allocate the needed funds- last estimated at \$110 million- to complete the badly needed renovation of the Harlem/East River Esplanade in Community District 11.

Sincerely,

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Community Board 11

cc: Hon. Melissa Mark Viverito, Speaker, New York City Council (via email)
Hon. Inez Dickens, New York City Council (via email)
Hon. Ben Kallos, New York City Council (via email)
Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President (via email)
Hon. Charles Rangel, United States House of Representatives (via email)
Hon. Charles Schumer, United States Senate (via email)
Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senate (via email)
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