



The Assembly
State of New York

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Member of Assembly

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Hon. David Paterson
Executive Chamber

Dear Governor Paterson:

The flooding along Western Avenue near Stuyvesant Plaza is a chronic problem for many people including the people of McKownville. There is a \$5 million project which would eliminate or largely eliminate the periodic flooding which has been presented by the Town of Guilderland for Economic Incentive funding.

The state contributed, in a small way, when we built the Thruway and may have contributed to it again recently when the Nanotech buildings at U-Albany were expanded.

Several times a year, the flooding closes a major highway - U.S. 20 - and requires that traffic including school buses and emergency vehicles travel miles out of their way to get around the flooded areas. There is the further economic impact when Stuyvesant Plaza is forced to close.

Using economic stimulus funds is justified for this project, and I strongly recommend its approval.

Sincerely,

John J. McEneny
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