

MAYOR
EDWARD T. FINNERAN

TRUSTEES
RICHARD A. CATALANO
JUDY COURTNEY
MICHELE BEACH HARRINGTON
VINNY MULDOON
JESSICA TAI
BRUCE A. TORINO
YVONNE VARANO

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
RALPH V. SUOZZI

INCORPORATED
VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY
351 STEWART AVENUE
GARDEN CITY, N.Y. 11530

WEBSITE: GARDENCITYNY.NET

TELEPHONE (516) 465-4000

FAX (516) 742-5223



April 30, 2025

The Honorable Laura A. Gillen
U.S. House of Representatives
428 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Gillen:

I write in support of the Incorporated Village of Garden City's request for FY 26 Community Project Funding for the Edgemere Fire Station 2 Renovation & Structural Repairs project.

This project would support the Village's efforts to preserve, revitalize and optimize the use of Village assets in an economically prudent manner. This project would make critical, much-needed repairs, modernize the building to meet the needs of the Fire Department, including apparatus and equipment, and preserve its historic character.

This project is necessary to bring the building up to code, expand capacity, and ensure ADA compliance while maintaining the integrity of the aesthetics and historical appeal of Stewart Avenue.

This project would greatly benefit the citizens of Garden City, our economy and our downtown by ensuring the continued operation of the Edgemere Firehouse, which is essential for protecting life, property and community assets. Renovating this nearly 100-year-old building will allow it to accommodate today's larger fire apparatus, improve response capabilities and provide necessary facilities such as decontamination areas and emergency shelter space for volunteers. These upgrades will enhance public safety, promote community resilience during severe weather or emergencies, and support the overall stability and growth of our local economy and downtown area.

It is a priority for the Village and has been included in our community development plan because it is critical to maintaining our ability to provide fire protection and emergency response services to residents. The Edgemere Firehouse is a key piece of infrastructure that must be modernized to meet current safety standards, ADA requirements, and operational needs. Its inclusion in the community development plan reflects the Village's commitment to preserving this historic asset while ensuring that our fire department is equipped to serve the community now and in the future.

I strongly support the Village of Garden City's Edgemere Fire Station 2 Renovation & Structural Repairs project, and hope that you grant this project every consideration.

Sincerely,



Edward J. F...
Mayor
Inc. Village of Garden City