

Operations and Accomplishments

Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2019

The Freeport Community Development Agency (FCDA) continues its commitment to economic development, downtown revitalization, public service programs, and moderate to low housing rehabilitation in the Village of Freeport. We have leverage in federal Community Development Block Grants with state and foundation grants and private investment to substantially improve the Freeport community.

Through the FCDA, road improvements and drainage were made in areas of the Village devastated by Superstorm Sandy. Additionally 15 single family houses owned by low to moderate incomes families or handicapped persons were improved, through increased weatherization or removal of handicapped barriers. Over a dozen Public Service projects sponsored by community not for profit organizations were funded to assist low to moderate residents of the Village.

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The Freeport Community

Freeport has an ethnically, racially and economically diverse population making it unique among Nassau County municipalities. According to the 2010 United States Census, the Village of Freeport population was 41.7% Hispanic or Latino, 40.5% White and 33.3% African American.

The Village of Freeport has a greater household size and higher density than both Nassau and Suffolk County, which presents great opportunity for the implementation of principles of smart growth and sustainable community development through brownfields revitalization. Freeport's average household is 3.18 people per household, compared to 2.94 in Nassau County and 2.93 in Suffolk County. This is also much greater than the national average of 2.58 people per household (US Census 2010). Freeport's median income of \$67,954 is well below the area median incomes of both Nassau County, at \$92,450, and Suffolk County, at \$84,530 (American Community Survey Estimates 2009).