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Lowey Secures $1 Million for Energy-Efficient Upgrades to New Rochelle City Hall

Funding to Support HVAC System Upgrades, Installation of Insulated Windows

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Westchester/Rockland) today announced she has secured $1 million in federal funding for the City of New Rochelle to make energy-efficient upgrades to City Hall, which will reduce costs to taxpayers of operating the City government and school district.

"Using energy more efficiently is one of the most effective ways we can reduce costs to local taxpayers and boost the local economy," said Lowey. "Federal assistance, along with local communities' investments, is helping our region to take the lead in building a green economy. I am thrilled New Rochelle will benefit from this federal funding to make upgrades to City Hall."

New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson said: "Congresswoman Lowey's invaluable support will make a critical positive difference as New Rochelle continues its efforts to promote energy efficiency, sustainability, and cost-savings."

The City of New Rochelle will use the federal funding to make several upgrades to City Hall, also the headquarters of the City School District of New Rochelle. These upgrades – which may include installation of high-efficiency insulated windows and improvements to the boiler and HVAC systems – will reduce the cost to City taxpayers of heating and cooling the facility.

Congresswoman Lowey secured $1 million for these projects in the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act. On October 1, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the conference report for this annual funding bill, which will become law once passed by the Senate and signed by President Obama.

"I urge the Senate to pass this critical funding bill so President Obama can sign it into law, helping communities like New Rochelle boost their local economy and reduce their environmental footprint," said Lowey.

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