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CONGRESSMAN ELIOT ENGEL

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REPORT

Report from Congressman **Eliot Engel**:

GETTING RESULTS FOR MOUNT VERNON

In just the last three-and-a-half years, Congressman Eliot Engel has worked to secure over \$44.19 million in federal funds for Mount Vernon including:

\$5.61 Million for Schools

Mount Vernon's public schools will be improved with over \$5.61 million in federal funds.

This includes \$4.38 million in Federal Title I and IDEA education funds. "As a former school teacher, I know that money invested in education is the best investment a nation can make," Congressman Engel said.

Title I funds can be used to modernize schools, create new jobs, prevent teacher layoffs and fund programs that had been cut. IDEA funds are for special education.

\$9.55 Million for Health Care in Mount Vernon

To provide and improve health care services in Mount Vernon, Congressman Eliot Engel secured over \$9.5 million in Federal grants.

This includes \$8.86 million for the Mount Vernon Health Care Center that provides services to 110,000 registered patients in Mount Vernon and nearby communities.

\$10.47 Million for Community Development

Mount Vernon received \$7.47 million in Federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for rehabilitation of affordable housing and the construction and improvement of public buildings.

Engel also obtained an additional \$3 million to create and maintain affordable housing for low, and very-low income families.

Over \$2.2 Million to Make Mount Vernon Safer

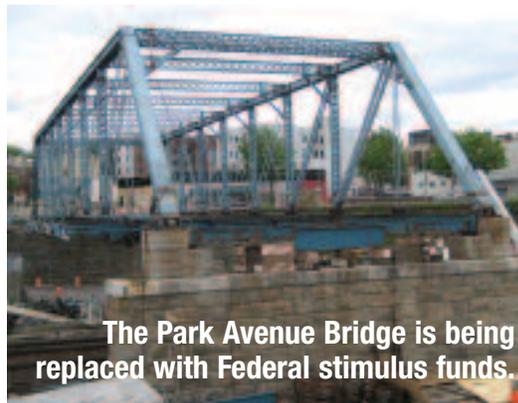
\$1,877,700 was secured in Federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funds to hire ten new police officers.

To combat drugs, \$250,000 was obtained for the Youth Bureau and its Mount Vernon Community That Cares program. The Police Department also received Federal funds to purchase night vision equipment.

Mount Vernon Energy Grant

Mount Vernon received a Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation grant to assist in reducing energy use through financial incentives for energy programs, and retrofitting buildings with cleaner energy heating and cooling systems.

\$44.19 MILLION
in Federal grants and funds since January 2007



The Park Avenue Bridge is being replaced with Federal stimulus funds.

Other Grants

The Chamber of Commerce received \$150,000 to create an incubator center to attract small business, and for workforce training. The Fire Department received \$191,392, and grants were obtained for Mount Vernon Hospital, and to improve bus service.

Mount Vernon received over \$1 million for the City's homeless reduction, employment and shelter programs, and a \$745,701 grant for limited term assistance to re-house or keep families in their homes to prevent homelessness.

COMBATING HATE CRIMES

Engel supported the new law that provides Federal grants to police departments and prosecutors to prevent and prosecute hate crimes.

These include crimes based on a victim's race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual identity and disability.

KEEPING THE OIL TERMINAL OPEN

Mount Vernon Mayor Clinton Young, US Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Eliot Engel are working to have the US Army Corps of Engineers dredge Eastchester Creek so the oil terminal at 40 Canal Street can keep operating.

If it is not dredged, Westchester's only oil terminal will not be able to receive barges, which could cause home heating costs to rise and cost Mount Vernon jobs. If necessary, Schumer and Engel will introduce legislation to make it a Federal channel in order to have it dredged.

BANNING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

The Distracted Driving Prevention Act legislation, co-authored by Congressman Engel, will provide incentives for states to make texting, e-mailing or talking on a non-hands-free cell phone while driving a primary offense.



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