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Feds to pay \$400M to build Staten Island seawall

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Rendering of coastal resiliency project.

The only borough to vote for President Donald Trump is getting a wall.

The city and state announced today they had entered a formal project partnership agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers to construct fortifications along Staten Island's eastern shore, which was battered during 2012's Hurricane Sandy. In the deal, the federal government will sink \$400 million into the project, while Albany and City Hall will kick in \$151 million and \$65 million, respectively.

The plan, which Gov. Andrew Cuomo [first sketched](#) in 2017, calls for a series of dams, earthworks and concrete barriers culminating in a pedestrian promenade, which will gird the shoreline of the neighborhoods between Great Kills and Fort Wadsworth.

"Now that the bureaucratic hurdles have all been jumped, the Army Corps can finally move forward with designing and building a more resilient shoreline that will protect our island, homeowners and local businesses against the kind of devastating flooding we saw during

Superstorm Sandy," said Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, who took credit for brokering the deal with newly minted Rep. Max Rose.

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