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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW SUTTER'S MARINA

(Rochester, NY) — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the groundbreaking of new construction at Sutter's Marina, located on Bay Front Lane S. along the shores of Irondequoit Bay.

The marina, like many waterfront businesses, sustained costly damages and financial losses due to record flooding in 2017 and 2019. The project upgrades will ensure the marina will withstand damage caused by elevated water levels.

"The flooding in 2017 and 2019 not only destroyed homes and property, it damaged many waterfront businesses and restricted access to boating and other water recreation," **said Monroe County Executive Adam Bello.** "These improvements will help protect Sutter's Marina from flooding, and ensure it can remain part of the strong, economic driver that is our waterfront business community. Thank you to Gov. Kathy Hochul, and the REDI Commission, for helping make these improvements possible."

As part of the project's scope, a new marina operating space that houses offices and a small supply shop will be constructed and better suited to withstand floodwaters. Additionally, the marina's fuel pump dock will be fortified to withstand any stress and damage from rising water levels, an important environmental concern.

This project is part of the State's Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) — an initiative to increase the resilience of shoreline communities and bolster economic development in the region. The new marina is funded by a \$233,000 New York State grant with Monroe County providing a 5% local project cost match.

"New York remains focused on building a more resilient state with infrastructure that can withstand extreme weather events and climate change," **said Executive Deputy Secretary of State Brendan C. Hughes.** "The investments made at Sutter's Marina will minimize the impacts of Lake Ontario's water level changes and ensure residents and visitors can enjoy safe and accessible boating access."

"Thank you to the Governor and the REDI commission for their support of projects that make our park more resilient to high lake levels," said Monroe County Parks Department Director Patrick Meredith. "We're confident our vendor operating the marina will carry out their business should lake levels rise again. This will ensure that boaters have a place to fuel, store and launch their boats safely without interruption."

"Next year, Sutter's Marina will celebrate its 50th anniversary, and we've made many improvements over the years. But now with the help of New York State and Monroe County we can take the marina to the next level," **said Al Sutter, of Sutter's Marine.**

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