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Bridge Reconstruction in Hunterdon County Following Hurricane Ida Destruction

Historic damage caused by Hurricane Ida, in September of 2021 was widespread across much of Hunterdon County. Thanks to federal funds secured through FEMA, the rebuilding of County Bridge (E-228) on Rainbow Hill Road, in East Amwell Township, has been fully repaired.

Commissioner Deputy Director, Jeff Kuhl and Commissioner, John Lanza recently visited the bridge along with Congressman, Tom Kean, to preview the full scope of work completed on the newly reconstructed bridge.

“The relief funds provided by FEMA, were vital to assist Hunterdon County taxpayers with the costs required to repair numerous bridges, roadways, and culverts that were damaged and destroyed during Storm Ida. Federal money spent here is not wasted and is being put to immediate work”, stated Commissioner Deputy Director, Jeff Kuhl.

Commissioner John Lanza added, “After Tropical Storm Ida, repairing and replacing damaged bridges and roads was a priority for the County Department of Public Works. I speak for all my colleagues when I say we are grateful to the Director of Public Works, Tom Matthews, and his staff for all their hard work. Additionally, I appreciate Congressman Kean, taking the time to see how Hunterdon County has worked expeditiously to repair infrastructure damage using the disaster relief funds received from FEMA, that were coordinated by the Office of Emergency Management.”

Congressman Tom Kean Jr. shared, “I appreciated the opportunity to tour the rebuilt Rainbow Hill Bridge with County officials in East Amwell. Capitalizing on opportunities to harden our infrastructure remains a top priority of mine in Congress – particularly as a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Making smart investments like this will help make our communities safer and more prosperous for generations to come.”

The work on County Bridge (E-228), in East Amwell, took approximately 6 months to complete and all repairs were completed by, Vollers Construction Inc., for the total amount of \$247,089.38.