



City of Long Beach

Bulkheading Program Proposal

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Bulkheading: Safe, Strong, & Standardized

For too long, bayside flooding has gone unchecked and neglected with uneven and outdated bulkheads. As we know, much of the City's historical flooding comes from the bay, and doing nothing about it is not an option going forward. In the months since Superstorm Sandy, many of our residents have been dealing with the immense costs of rebuilding their homes and lives. For those who live by the bay, the costs become even more massive when one considers the damage done to their bulkheads. Damaged bulkheads can put the homeowner and their neighbors at high risk for future flood damage, and because of this, the City Council is excited to announce a new program to help residents get the bulkheading work they need done in a cost-effective manner that is safe, strong, and standardized.



The City will provide residents the opportunity for the following:

- ✓ **Assistance with bulkheading permitting**
- ✓ **Affordable bulk pricing & long-term financing**
- ✓ **Standardization of protective construction at an elevation nine**

Shoring up our Future

- The new program will give residents the opportunity to have the City, through the Department of Public Works, repair/replace their bulkheading so that it is safe, strong, and standardized.
- The Public Works Department will put out a bid to not only retain a contractor to do the bulkhead installation, but they will also do a bid to make available consulting services to assist residents with DEC permit applications – making sure the solution is standardized and expedited.
- The cost of the work will be financed by the City, and repayment will be by either annual voucher, or can be added to a resident's tax bill.
- The payments will stay with the property, so if the resident sells, the payment remains with the tax bill until the City is made whole.
- Residents will only pay what the City is required to pay back in debt service annually for the amount their property work cost.
- Payments can be spread out over as many as 20 years, making this more affordable than laying out tens of thousands of dollars up front for this work to be completed – taking the immediate burden off of taxpayers.

This program is something that the City can do on its own, will pay for itself and will have a lasting positive impact for both property owners and the City as a whole.