



## Press Release

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### **City of Glen Cove Shifts Commuter Ferry Service Timeline**

September 20, 2016, Glen Cove, NY...A commuter ferry service between Glen Cove and New York City continues to be a priority for the City, but due to the upcoming sale and future construction of Garvies Point, the timeline has now been adjusted. With feedback from potential ferry operators and RXR Glen Isle Partners, the redevelopment partner who will provide a subsidy for the project, the City believes it is important to amend the RFP and extend the response by another 12 months to accommodate for the accelerated construction schedule.

Over the past three years there has been a significant increase in the amount of interest by area commuters for a ferry service to be re-established in Glen Cove. The City was pleased to receive an equally enthusiastic turn out when they met with seven ferry operators this past July.

“At that time, ferry operators who were interested in providing the service shared their concern for the compressed timeline outlined by the city in the RFP – a timeline which will now change.” said Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles. “They voiced interest in an extension to ensure a successful launch of a premiere commuter ferry service.” Therefore, the City has notified all interested ferry operators that an amendment to the RFP will be issued to extend the time frame when the horizontal construction plan is well underway, road access and parking matters have been resolved, and provide ferry operators more lead time for expansion planning.

“RXR Glen Isle Partners commend the city for the progress at the ferry terminal site over the past few years,” said Frank Haftel, Vice President, RXR/Glen Isle Partners. “We join the city in looking forward to the start of ferry service and believe it is in the best interest of residents and commuters to synchronize the ferry service with the accelerated construction and completion of Garvies Point Road and the public open space improvements.”

The city also met with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding maintenance dredging required in Glen Cove Creek and will partner with RXR to include maintenance dredging in the area close to the ferry terminal for easier water navigation of ferry and large vessels.

In the short-term, the City will explore options for the productive use of the Ferry Terminal building. For more information and updates, please visit the Glen Cove Ferry website, [www.glencoveferry.org](http://www.glencoveferry.org).

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