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Re: Audit Draft Report S9-24-34

Dear Ms. Thompson:

The Village of Floral Park thanks the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) for its commitment to accessibility and for this opportunity to review its audit, Physical Accessibility to Programs and Services, Report of Examination S9-24-34 (the "Report").

The Village was founded well over 100 years ago, in 1908, and many of its public buildings predate, by several decades, the implementation of the current 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Nonetheless, the Village remains committed to providing meaningful access to its programs and services to individuals with disabilities and continually seeks to enhance accessibility. This commitment is reflected in several large projects undertaken by the Village over the last several years, including: the renovation of the Village's pool and recreation building; upgrading our children's playground; the recent addition of an ADA compliant accessible front entrance ramp at the Village's Library; and the addition of hundreds of ADA curb cuts which are an integral part of the Village's ongoing road reconstruction and repaving program.

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While the Village has focused on incorporating accessibility into its larger scale projects, the Village agrees with the Report's recommendations and believes these recommendations enumerate several smaller scale improvements that, once implemented, will also improve accessibility for the Village's residents. The Village has already begun implementing several of the Report's recommendations and has retained ADA consultants to evaluate feasible means of implementing other recommendations from the Report. We appreciate OSC's guidance and expertise that will facilitate the Village's ongoing goal of improving accessibility.

Thank you for the very professional manner in which this audit was conducted and for identifying ways to improve the accessibility of the Village's programs and services.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Fitzgerald

Mayor