

Congressman Andy Kim, USDA Rural Development announce Community Facility funding in Edgewater Park



On Halloween morning, at the former Cassidy's junkyard site, State Senator Troy Singleton (LD7) revealed some major financial "treats" for Edgewater Park as he introduced USDA Rural Development State Director Jane Asselta, who then welcomed U.S. Congressman Andy Kim (NJ-03), for a groundbreaking event. They announced grant and loan awards totaling more than \$13 million for the construction of the township's new public safety building, plus a community center, through Rural Development's [Community Facilities](#) programs.

"The needs of rural New Jersey communities are our priority, and these Edgewater Park projects demonstrate our ability to assist towns buy, build or repair facilities that are an essential part of the social fabric of any community," said Jane Asselta. "Expanding access to essential civic resources drives economic growth, strengthens community ties, and showcases our continued collaboration with local and state representatives – the result is for small towns to thrive."



"I am proud to officially break ground in Edgewater Park. This project will go a long way to support law enforcement's work keeping people safe and make regular, municipal services more accessible to the community in one, easy-to-access location with a new community center right next door," said Congressman Kim. "I am glad to have been able to connect federal funds to local needs in Edgewater Park. I look forward to seeing the new facility's doors open and help ease some everyday burdens for neighbors, local municipal employees, and law enforcement."

Congressman Kim explained the grant and extremely low interest loans (detailed below) which total \$13,638,000 of affordable funding for the two buildings, thanking U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez for their part in procuring the funding.

Senator Booker's representative added comments from the Senator: *"I'm thrilled to see Edgewater Park receive these vital federal investments for its public safety building and community center," said Senator Cory Booker. "This mix of grant and loans will address the growing needs of the community by providing space to support public safety, civic administration, and community events. This funding is testament to the dedication of local leaders and Rep. Kim's and the USDA's commitment to serving all our communities."*

Here is a breakdown of the monies:

\$ 4,400,000.00	USDA Rural Development Grant	Public Safety Building
\$3,098,000.00	USDA RD Loan 40 years @ 3.625%	Community Center
\$6,140,000.00	USDA RD Loan 40 years @ 3.625%	Public Safety Building

Mayor Michael Trainor presented him with a Township Proclamation, thanking him on behalf of the Township Committee and the residents of Edgewater Park.

(Congressman Kim, Mayor Trainor, and in the background, Ptl. Lackraj keeping the flag from blowing over.)

Then the various dignitaries present took turns with ceremonial shovels.



*(left to right)
Tom Pullion,
Township
Administrator &
Burlington
County
Commissioner
Deputy Director;
Allison Eckel,
Burlington
County
Commissioner;*

Jim Kostopolis, Sheriff; Eve Cullinan, County Administrator; Jennifer Hiros, Division Head, Community Development; Congressman Andy Kim; State Senator Troy Singleton; Ashley Buono, County Solicitor; Jane Asselta, RD USDA; Shirla Simpson, Director Human Services.

(l. to r) Det. Peak, Det. Ewan, Lt. Harris, Ptl. Evans, Chief Evans, Lt. Unley, Ptl. Lackraj, Sgt. Ryder)



(l. to r.) Committeeman Bill Belgard, Congressman Andy Kim, Administrator Tom Pullion, USDA Rural Development State Director Jane Asselta, Mayor Trainor, Deputy Mayor Lauren DiFilippo, Committeewoman Juanita Scott, and Committeeman Kevin Johnson





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