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9/11 REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL

The Town of Cortlandt and the Villages of Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson are pleased to announce that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has approved the pick-up of 9/11 steel from the fallen World Trade Center for the construction of a memorial to be located at Croton Landing on the Hudson River.

“This is an important step forward to accomplishing a lasting and important monument for future generations to come and to those who lost their lives that tragic day” said Cortlandt Supervisor, Linda Puglisi.

On February 10, 2011, an Escort Party consisting of members of the Fire Departments, the emergency providers, personnel of local, county and state police, elected officials and volunteers will travel to Hanger 17 at JFK where salvaged steel from the World Trade Center attacks is stored. The dimension of the steel beam which weighs approximately one ton and is 14 feet long, 2” thick, 10” high and 27” wide. In the event of snow we will next pick up the steel on February 24, 2011.

To design and construct this memorial, a volunteer Task Force was established consisting of various disciplines such as architecture, engineering, landscaping, construction and fund raising. The group met for the first time on January 6, 2011. The Task Force will be responsible for a design and construction plan as well as a fund raising strategy. These will be submitted to the Executive Committee which consists of the Cortlandt Town Supervisor and the Mayors of Buchanan and Croton-on Hudson for their review and approval.

Sean Murray, Mayor of the Village of Buchanan, says, “With the formation of this group, the memorial will have a broad and complete input of talent and commitment.” In addition, the Mayor of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Leo Wiegman states, “The Task Force has a wonderful opportunity to create a tribute to the resilience that remembering 9/11 brings to our communities.”

In the coming months, an event will be planned on Memorial Day that will outline the progress of the Task Force. It is their goal that a memorial will be erected by the 10th Anniversary of 9/11, which is in 2011. However, if this is not possible, a rendering of the memorial will be on display for all to see.

On Thursday, February 10th, at the Cortlandt Town Hall at 1:00 PM, there will be a brief ceremony hosted by the Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson and Buchanan officials for a viewing of the steel girder transported from JFK Airport before it is taken to a secured storage location for safe keeping. Please join us as we observe this important moment which begins our journey to constructing a beautiful and lasting memorial.