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## PRESS RELEASE

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.Leo Wiegman,  
Mayor, Village of Croton-on-Hudson  
.Sean Murray  
Mayor, Village of Buchanan

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**Ceremony Set for 3 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2013**

**At Buchanan\**Cortlandt*\*Croton 9/11 Memorial at Croton Landing**

The Town of Cortlandt and the villages of Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson in conjunction with the Task Force for the Buchanan\**Cortlandt*\*Croton-on-Hudson (BCC) 9/11 Remembrance Memorial will hold a solemn ceremony at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at its Croton Landing Park (off of Route 9) in Westchester County, New York.

Finishing touches have been completed on Phase I construction of the tri-municipal Memorial--- entitled *Reaching Through The Shadow*--- at its site on the Hudson River shoreline at the far north end of the *River Walk* at Croton Landing.

The Memorial now includes a functioning sundial with nine, artistically-created bronze medallions serving as hour markers (from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) which depict the tragic events of 12 years ago on September 11th. Anchored at an angle in a large boulder in the center of the Memorial, a 14-foot piece of steel beam salvaged from the fallen North Tower of the World Trade Center acts as the gnomon of the sundial with the medallions surrounding it on the ground. The sundial is registered with the North American Sundial Society (NASS).

Now in progress, the remaining work to complete Phase II on the Memorial consists of a bronze statue of a life-size woman who is reaching, but not quite touching the steel beam. She is *Reaching Through The Shadow*...symbolizing hope and strength. She is meant to represent all of us who have experienced loss, but continue to have hope for the future. And finally, a remembrance garden has been designed as

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a place of reflection and renewal and will be built adjacent and slightly north of the site.

Commenting on the Memorial, **Linda Puglisi, Supervisor of the Town of Cortlandt**, said: "Our community comes together once again to pay tribute to the victims of September 11, 2001; to the first and second responders who risked their lives to help those in need, and to the men and women who have defended our country since September 11, 2001. I am proud to be a part of a community that will always remember those we lost on that tragic day. I am grateful to the volunteers for our BCC 9/11 Task Force who have worked so hard and have been dedicated in achieving our lovely Memorial."

**Mayor Leo Wiegman of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson**, said: "Our 9/11 Memorial is both beautiful and a work-in-progress. With each passing year it becomes more important to find a place where healing and resiliency in the face of loss can take place. Our site has become a place that offers calmness and solace, something that results from both design and the emotionally-soothing nature of the river shore."

**Mayor Sean Murray of the Village of Buchanan**, said: "We are very proud to be involved in this important community endeavor. This Memorial stands not only for the events of September 11, 2001, but it also stands for the dedication and vision of the men and women who have persevered to create it. With the completion of Phase II, the Memorial will be a lasting and poignant addition to our community and for future generations."

Noting the progress of the complex Memorial, **Janet Mainiero of Croton, Project Director**, said: "It has been an honor to work on this project and to work with the many people from the Task Force and the municipalities. They all made our 9/11 Memorial possible. I know we will complete Phase II, giving the community a lasting and memorable tribute to those who were touched by the events of September 11, 2001."

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**Note to Editors:**

Participants will first gather in the Croton Landing Parking Area of the River Walk at 2:30 p.m. before proceeding north along the river to the 3 p.m. ceremony. Led by a Color Guard from the community, they will walk in procession along the quarter-mile pathway to the site on the Hudson River. A van from the Village of Croton will be in the parking area to transport those who need a ride to the site.