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main terminal, will take about a year to complete and will address issues that have needed attention for decades, according to Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter.

Around \$14 million of the funding will pay for HVAC climate-control systems, the air purification system, new energy-efficient plumbing fixtures and a new backup generator, while bringing safety equipment into compliance with current building codes and replacing electrical systems such as lighting and signs, officials told Newsday.

Some of the other \$12 million will go toward replacing three baggage carousels in the main terminal. Those funds also will cover a new roof for the main terminal — replacing one installed in 1984 — and pay for upgrades to doors and vestibules to more efficiently regulate temperature.

Long Island Association president and CEO Matt Cohen said in an emailed statement to Newsday on Tuesday that the planned upgrades “are necessary even as the community evaluates [additional infrastructure projects](#) that accelerate economic growth — such as connecting a proposed new North Terminal with the LIRR Ronkonkoma/MacArthur Airport station.”

Edward McNamara, president of the Ronkonkoma Chamber of Commerce, similarly expressed hope Tuesday that the airport improvements will benefit local businesses.

“Anything that promotes business growth and community growth is a positive thing,” he said. “Any money, especially federal money, that comes to the community is a great thing. I wish it would come more to the downtowns, naturally, the mom-and-pops, but this certainly will help local business ... We need to stay competitive.”

But while applauding news of the improvements, McNamara also expressed concerns about the airport's state Superfund site designation. He said town officials have reached out in an effort to set up community meetings about the issue.

"They need to investigate it and have full transparency on all of this so we know what's going on," he said. "Hopefully we can clean this up and move on."

## **State Creating Community Group To Help With Grumman Plume Project**

The Community Participation Work Group will help keep residents informed of the progress of the plume cleanup.

[Alex Costello](#), Patch Staff

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BETHPAGE, NY — The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is creating a new community group to help with the cleanup efforts of the Grumman plume.

As part of the legal settlement between the DEC and Northrop Grumman, the DEC is creating a Community Participation Work Group. The group will serve as liaisons between the

community and the DEC, Grumman, the Navy and other stakeholders.

The DEC will be holding a community meeting to go over the creation of the group in more detail on March 7. The meeting will be held at the Bethpage Community Center, located at 103 Grumman Road West, from 5 to 8 p.m. Experts from the DEC, Department of Health, United States Geological Survey, the Navy and Northrop Grumman will be at the meeting and available to answer questions from residents.

Residents can come any time during the meeting hours.

The Community Participation Work Group will be made up of volunteers, and will provide a forum for dialogue and fostering public understanding and discourse about the cleanup of the Grumman plume. The group will also make recommendations on outreach and public participation.

Those who are interested in joining the group can submit letters of interest to Nate Lash, Consensus Building Institute (CBI), 2067 Massachusetts Ave., Suite 570, Cambridge, MA 02140-1340, [or by clicking here](#).

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