Little Ferry, NJ

Pumping Station Tested by Hurricane Floyd



Mike Monforte, Little Ferry Department of Public Works, at the new Losen Slote Pumping Station. The new system easily handled waters from Hurricane Floyd and saved many residences from flooding.

The Borough of Little Ferry is tucked away in the New Jersey Meadowlands, bordered by the Losen Slote. The Dutch-named creek empties into the Hackensack River. A 100-year old wooden tide gate was inadequate to control the flow between the Losen Slote and the tides on the Hackensack River. The small, low-lying community flooded repeatedly, even with just a few inches of rain.

In 1999, after years of repeated flooding Little Ferry replaced the wooden tide gate with a modern, high capacity pumping station. The $2 million facility is equipped with an emergency generator that self-tests monthly, to ensure the pumping system will continue to operate even if there is a power failure.





The pumping station went on line in July, 1999, just in time to defend the community against the flood waters unleashed by Hurricane Floyd.

Residents were understandably concerned when Hurricane Floyd put the new pumping station to the test. The new system performed beyond expectations and vulnerable residential areas were spared flooding.

Local officials expressed concern that the proposed continued development of the Meadowlands will only increase flooding in nearby communities.