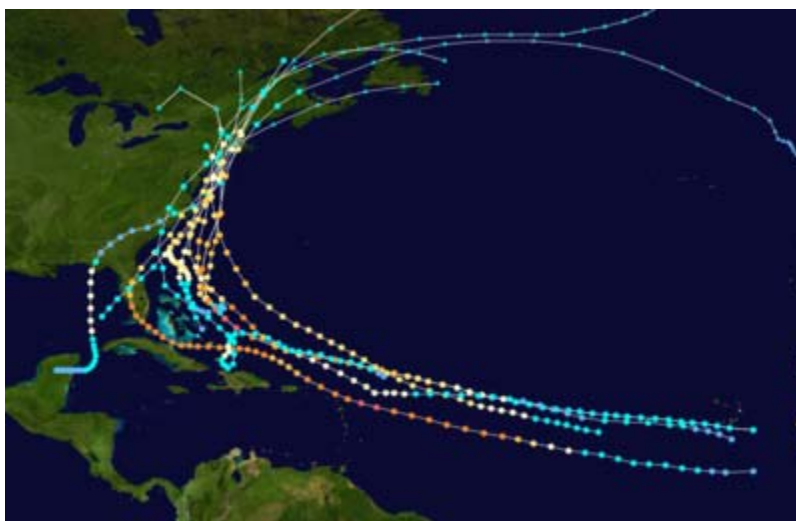




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A Quick History of Hurricanes In Our Region



The Long Island Express (1938)

The Long Island Express hit Long Island on September 21, 1938 as a Category 3 with wind gusts of 125 mph devastating the coast of Long Island with storm surges of 18 feet. The Long Island Express was responsible for, in total, 700 deaths, \$308 million in damage, and 63,000 people homeless between Long Island and New England. The LI Express was so powerful that it created the Shinnecock Inlet and widened the Moriches Inlet in Suffolk County.

The Great Atlantic Hurricane (1944) - Category 3 Hurricane (winds 111-130 mph).

Hurricane Hazel (1954) – Category 3 Hurricane with wind gusts of 113 mph in Battery Park (highest winds ever recorded in NYC).

Hurricane Carol and Hurricane Edna (1954) – Both were Category 3 Hurricanes.

Hurricane Donna (1960) - started as a Category 4 Hurricane and hit Nassau County as a Category 2 with sustained winds of 100 mph.

Hurricane Belle (1976) – Category 1 Hurricane producing 6 inches of rain and tides 7.2 feet above normal.

Hurricane Gloria (1985) - Began as a Category 3 hurricane when it hit Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, but was considered a Category 2 Hurricane when it reached Nassau County with wind gusts of 100 mph and 3.4 inches of rain. Gloria devastated the U.S., including serious damage to Nassau County.

Hurricane Irene (2011) – Makes landfall as a Category 1 but immediately weakens to a Tropical Storm just after. Hurricane Irene’s anticipated strength caused Nassau County and neighboring counties to order evacuations. LIPA faced 400,000 power outages.