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[A]	no longer subject to Section 16.	ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP						
	Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).	Exchange Act of Public Utility F	Section 16(a) of the Securities f 1934, Section 17(a) of the Holding Company Act of 1935 or ne Investment Company Act of 194					
[_]	Form 3 Holdings Repor	ted						
[_]	Form 4 Transactions R	eported						
(Pr	int or Type Responses) 							
1.	Name and Address of R	eporting Person*						
	DiBenedetto	Russ						
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)					
		615 Merrick Aver	nue					
		(Street)						
Wes	tbury	NY	11590					
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
2.	Issuer Name and Ticke	r or Trading Symbol	New York Community Bancorp, Inc					
			(NYB)					
3.	I.R.S. Identification	Number of Reporting I	Person, if an entity (Voluntary)					
4.	Statement for Month/Y							
5.	If Amendment, Date of	Original (Month/Year)	)					
6.	Relationship of Repor	ting Person(s) to Issu	uer (Check all applicable)					
	Director Y O	fficor	10% Owner Other					

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	Senior VP ar	nd Chief Audi		, w ,	(5)	pecity below	,	
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7.	Individual o	or Joint/Grou icable Line)	p Filing					
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	Form fi	iled by More	than One Rep	orting Perso	n			
			TABLE INC	N-DERIVATIVE	SECURITIES ACQU	JIRED, DISPO	SED OF,	OR BENEFI
	Title of Security (Instr. 3)	action Date	Deemed Execution	action Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities or Dispose (Instr. 3,	ed of (D) , 4 and 5)		5. Amour Secu: Bene: Owned End
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TABLE II--DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OW

(E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	si Ez Pi De	onver- ion or xercise rice of eriv- tive ecurity	3.	Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4.	Transac- tion Code (Instr. 8)	5.
Option to Purchase Common Stock (6)	\$2	22.23					
Option to Purchase Common Stock (7)		27.405					
Option to Purchase Common Stock (8)		24.61					
Option to Purchase Common Stock (9)		28.54					

TABLE II--DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

6. Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/ Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8.	of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr.	9.	Number of 10 Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned	10.	Owner- ship of De- rivative Security: Direct (D) or
Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		5)		At End of Year (Instr. 4)	<pre>Indirect ( (Instr. 4)</pre>	
12/21/02	12/21/11	Common Stock	15,000				15,000		D
7/24/02	1/24/12	Common Stock	303,750				303,750		D
7/24/03	7/24/12	Common Stock	15,000				15,000		D
1/21/04	1/21/13	Common	15,000				15,000		D

Explanation of Responses:

Stock

- (1) All shares held directly are held jointly with Mr. DiBenedetto's wife.
- (2) Represents shares previously reported as being held by Mr. DiBenedetto directly that are now held by the DiBenedetto Family Foundation of which Mr. DiBenedetto is a Trustee.
- (3) Shares purchased within the 401(a) Incentive Savings Plan.
- (4) Shares allocated to the individual's account pursuant to the New York Community Bank Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP").
- (5) Shares held in trust under the New York Community Bank Supplemental Benefits Plan ("SERP").
- (6) Options granted under the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. ("NYCB") 1997 Stock Option Plan that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on December 21, 2002.
- (7) Options automatically granted pursuant to the reload feature of the NYCB 1997 Stock Option Plan that were exercisable beginning on July 24, 2002.
- (8) Options granted under the NYCB 1997 Stock Option Plan that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on July 24, 2003.
- (9) Options granted under the NYCB 1997 Stock Option Plan that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 21, 2004.

/s/ Ilene A. Angarola	February 14, 2003
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

By: Ilene A. Angarola, Power of Attorney

For: Russ DiBenedetto

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