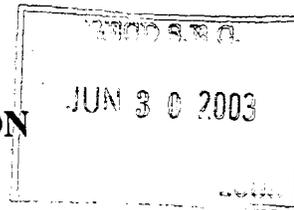




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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549



FORM 11-K

MANUALLY SIGNED

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED) for the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-31565

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

New York Community Bank Employee Savings Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

**New York Community Bancorp, Inc.
615 Merrick Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590**

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REQUIRED INFORMATION

Item 1-3. The New York Community Bank Employee Savings Plan (the “Plan”) is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”) and files plan financial statements and schedules prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA.

Plan financials will be filed by amendment

Exhibits

23.1 Accountant’s Consent*

99.0 Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*

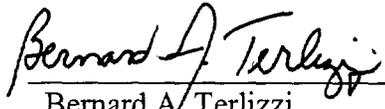
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this Annual Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 30, 2003

**New York Community Bank
Employee Savings Plan**

By: 
Bernard A. Terlizzi
Plan Administrator