

Wastewater Updates

Greetings from your Village Board! It was a very busy Spring for your Village Board members! There were many things going on in order to continue progress on the WWTP Project! We've gotten most of the background work done and are quickly moving into the engineering design phase. We appreciate all the residents who have come and participated in our Board Meetings and Public Hearings. Further information, include maps and figures, can be found on the Village website. Have a great summer!

PROJECT UPDATES—What's been going on?

The Village Board has been busy completing all the background steps necessary to develop and authorize the WWTP and sewer improvements.

In April, the Village Board completed its review of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Joint WWTP & Sewer project. The environmental review generally identified and evaluated the following areas of concern:

- Archeological Resources
- Wetlands
- Animal Habitat
- Odors and Noise
- Aesthetic Resources

The archeologist hired by the Village has completed his survey of the proposed project areas, including the WWTP site and sewer lines. No evidence of Indian burial grounds were found in the project area; however, artifacts found at the WWTP will require further testing.

The project area was also surveyed to identify regulated wetlands and endangered/protected species. Federal wetlands were identified at the proposed WWTP. Indiana Bat habitat was identified in several areas throughout the Town and Village, including the WWTP site.



Habitat for Indiana Bats, an endangered and protected species, has been identified in the project area.

The Village Board has selected the proposed WWTP site—a 3.25 acre lot located on Route 90. A purchase agreement has been established with the property owners, which will allow the Village to move forward with DEC project approvals.

Other major milestones include:

- The Village Board passed the Bond Resolution authorizing the project and borrowing of funds for the project.
- An intermunicipal agreement has been negotiated and executed with the Town of Aurelius.
- The Village Board is in the process of updating the Local Sewer Use Law.

To learn more about the important role water and sewer infrastructure play in our community please go to:

www.waterislife.net

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Project Funding

As noted recently in the news, the Village and Town have both received responses from USDA Rural Development that the funds indicated in the Preliminary Funding offers are no longer available. The Village is in continued discussions with USDA RD to determine what the revised funding offer will be.

The Village has been notified that the project is eligible for funding through the

NYS Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The Village has submitted a funding application, as well as a Hardship application. If the hardship application is approved, the Village may be able to fund the entire project cost at interest rate of zero percent.

Anticipated user fees will be provided once a funding package has been secured.

The Project—“Will my property be affected?”

Questions asked during recent public hearing meetings focused on concerns over what was included in the scope of the proposed project. Residents wanted to know what streets will be disrupted by the project. Detailed maps and figures showing the scope of the project have been added to the Village website and are available for your review of the Village offices.

What’s coming up next?

The Village will soon be entering into the design phase of the project. The design work will require the engineer to obtain background information on the project area. That will include surveying the areas of the proposed sewer extensions, the existing pump station, the Route 90 force main, River Road and the proposed WWTP site.

- Project Area Surveying— Summer 2010
- Engineering/Design—May 2010 to May 2011
- Bidding—May 2011 to August 2011
- Construction— August 2011 to July 2012

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Keep an eye out for surveyors out and about in the Village and Town over the next few months!