



TOWN OF MACHIAS

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\$2M Awarded to Town of Machias Lime Lake Sewer Project

Machias, NY – The Town of Machias announced today that it has received a \$2M grant from the State’s Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) to assist the Lime Lake Sewer Project. The project involves the construction of a low pressure collection system around the lake, which will provide service to approximately 400 homes, several businesses and The Pines Nursing Home – Machias Campus. The project also involves the construction of an intermediate pump station, and nearly 7 miles of force main transmission line to the Village of Arcade treatment plant.

The total project cost is just over \$12M, and will be financed by a combination of a zero interest loan from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) and state and federal grants. "This \$2M grant award is a critical portion of the funding necessary to implement the project and keep the annual cost to our users affordable," said Town of Machias Supervisor Matthew Bull.

The project was delayed by nearly 18 months after the previous approval of the NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation (DEC) was revoked due to implications of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. "The original project approval was granted for wastewater treatment at the Village of Franklinville facility, but provisions of the Compact prohibited that alternative. We’ve retooled the project, entered into an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Arcade, and have started the engineering and design phase for the Arcade alternative," continued Bull.

"Design and property easement acquisition will continue through most of 2015. Bid packets are expected to be ready by the end of 2015 with construction beginning in 2016. Additionally, we are expecting to hear the outcome of our pending applications with the U.S.D.A. (\$500k) and the Dept. of State Shared Services CFA (\$400k) in the next few weeks," said Supervisor Bull.

"On behalf of the Town Board and district users, we really appreciate the efforts of the team that continues to work so hard on our behalf. They’ve really pulled out all the stops over the last 18 months to keep us on track. We also recognize the cooperative spirit of the Village of Arcade to work with us on this, as well as the ongoing support from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corp., Senator Young, Assemblyman Giglio and Congressman Reed. There are many moving pieces and parts to this project, and we’re pleased that they are lining up so that we can move forward," continued Bull.

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