

Harckham Announces More than \$794,000 in Funding for Cortlandt Sewer Project

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State Sen. Pete Harckham and Cortlandt Supv. Dr. Richard Becker

Cortlandt, NY - New York State Senator Pete Harkham announced today that the Town of Cortlandt will receive \$794,750 in state funding for the planning, design, and construction of a pump station and force main to serve the Furnace Brook Sewer District.

"For municipalities faced with infrastructure projects of this size, it is imperative for the state to step in to help shoulder the costs," Harckham said. "The Town of Cortlandt is supporting responsible development that is environmentally sound with this new sewer line. The state funding for the project will benefit homeowners and save taxpayers money. I am proud to have secured significant funding for this project."

"The Town of Cortlandt is grateful for the assistance of Senator Peter Harckham in obtaining the State Environmental Facilities Corporation grant to complete the Furnace Brook Sewer District," said Town Supervisor Dr. Richard Becker. "As local septic systems age out, there is now a very viable mechanism for homeowners in this district to connect to a sewer system, allowing them to continue to live in their homes, while having their property values rise."

This extensive project extends along a portion of Furnace Woods Road to Maple Avenue and then runs the length of Lafayette Avenue to Route 202.

The project was designed by Woodard and Curran and advanced by the Town of Cortlandt's Department of Technical Services. Work is scheduled to begin this month and last throughout the year. Additional funding for the project was provided by other grants obtained by the town.

Harckham said the funding is part of the \$340 million in Environmental Facilities

Corporation (EFC) financial assistance for water infrastructure improvement projects across

New York State recently announced by Governor Hochul.

The state investments help make critical environmental infrastructure projects more affordable, sustainable, and manageable, reducing the need for higher rate increases to fund improvements.

From upgrading wastewater treatment plants to improving drinking water quality, the water infrastructure improvement projects are crucial for safeguarding public health, protecting the environment, and boosting local economies.