



Genesee County

FY-23 Congressional Directed Spending Request



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Budget Information

Genesee County Phase 3 Water Supply
 Cost Estimate: Genesee County Distribution
 March 2022

3D2 - Town of Stafford: Prole Road Water Main (Mid-Point of Prole Road to Temperance Hill Tanks) - Part A

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Including Signs and Flagmen Meeting NYSDOT Requirements	LS	1	\$ 61,000	\$ 61,000
2	Mobilization & Bonds	LS	1	\$ 61,000	\$ 61,000
3	Furnish and Install 36" Dia. CL. 52 Zinc Coated DIP Water Main	LF	4,250	\$ 600	\$ 2,550,000
4	Furnish and Install 36" In-Line Butterfly Valves Complete	EA	3	\$ 30,000	\$ 90,000
5	Furnish and Install Hydrant Assemblies	EA	6	\$ 15,000	\$ 90,000
6	Connection to Existing Main	EA	2	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000
7	Directional Drilling with 36-inch HDPE	LF	0	\$ 1,250	\$ -
8	NYSDOT Rt 5 Boring with 48" Casing and 36" RJ Carrier Pipe	LF	70	\$ 1,250	\$ 87,500
9	Rock Excavation	CY	1,200	\$ 125	\$ 150,000
10	Compaction Testing	LS	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

Construction Subtotal = \$ 3,131,500
 Contingency (20%) = \$ 626,300
 Engineering, Legal & Administration (20%) = \$ 626,300
 Easements = \$ 11,800
 Total = \$ 4,395,900
Total Estimated Capital Cost = \$ 4,396,000

Genesee County – Prole Road Water Main

Costs	Amount	Status of Phase (Not Yet Begun, In Progress, or Completed)	Comments and/or Details
Acquisition			
Soft Costs, Design, Permitting/Planning	\$ 626,300	Preliminary Engineering Started	
Construction/Renovation	\$3,757,800	Not Started	
Site Work			
Equipment			
Other <i>(Please elaborate in comments/details)</i>	\$ 11,800	Not Started	Easements
Total Cost	\$4,395,900		

Funding	Amount	Status of Funding (eg: application submitted, funding awarded, funding received)	Comments and/or Details
Federal Funding <i>(eg: EPA Brownfields Funding, HOME funding, federal tax credits, etc.)</i>			
1.			
2.			
3.			
Local or State Government Funding <i>(eg: bond votes, tax credits, funding from ACCD, etc.)</i>			
1. Bonding	\$1,395,900	Not Started	
2.			
3.			
Private or Nonprofit Funding <i>(Vermont Community Foundation, United Way, individual donations, etc.)</i>			
1.			
2.			
3.			
Project Income <i>(If the project requires income for sustainability, the project be sustained through fees, ratepayers, etc.)</i>			
1.			
2.			
3.			
Other Sources <i>(please elaborate in comments/details)</i>			
Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Fiscal Year 2023	\$3,000,000	Anticipated	
Total Funding:	\$4,395,900		

Genesee County Phase 3 Water Supply
 Cost Estimate: MCWA Supply
 March 2022

3S6 - North Road Water Storage Tank (Ground Level 1.0 MG)

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Mobilization & Bonds	LS	1	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000
2	1.0 MG Water Storage Tank (Ground Level)	LS	1	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000
3	Instruments, Telemetry & Controls	LS	1	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
4	THM Removal System	LS	1	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
5	Site Improvements	LS	1	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
6	Water Main	LF	1,900	\$ 600	\$ 1,140,000
7	Electrical Improvements	LS	1	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
8	Compaction Testing	LS	1	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

Construction Subtotal =	\$	3,384,000
Contingency (20%) =	\$	676,800
Engineering, Legal & Administration (20%) =	\$	676,800
Property Acquisition =	\$	50,000
Total =	\$	4,787,600
Total Estimated Capital Cost =	\$	4,788,000

Genesee County – North Road Water Storage Tank

Costs	Amount	Status of Phase (Not Yet Begun, In Progress, or Completed)	Comments and/or Details
Acquisition	\$ 50,000	Not Started	
Soft Costs, Design, Permitting/Planning	\$676,800	Preliminary Engineering Started	
Construction/Renovation	\$4,060,800	Not Started	
Site Work			
Equipment			
Other <i>(Please elaborate in comments/details)</i>			
Total Cost	\$4,787,600		

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1. Bonding	\$1,787,600	Not Started	
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Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Fiscal Year 2023	\$3,000,000	Anticipated	
Total Funding:	\$4,787,600		

**Genesee County Phase 3 Water Supply
 Cost Estimate: Genesee County Distribution
 March 2022**

**3D4 - Town of Batavia: Galloway Road Water Main (Slusser Road to Downey Road) &
 Town of Alabama: Macomber Road Water Main (Judge Road to Railroad ROW)**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Including Signs and Flagmen Meeting NYSDOT Requirements	LS	1	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000
2	Mobilization & Bonds	LS	1	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000
3	Furnish and Install 12" Dia. PVC Water Main (Galloway Road)	LF	11,300	\$ 90	\$ 1,017,000
4	Furnish and Install 8" Dia. PVC Water Main (Macomber Road)	LF	3,100	\$ 70	\$ 217,000
5	Furnish and Install 12" Gate Valves Complete	EA	6	\$ 6,000	\$ 36,000
6	Furnish and Install 8" Gate Valves Complete	EA	2	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000
7	Furnish and Install Hydrant Assemblies	EA	6	\$ 7,500	\$ 45,000
8	Connection to Existing Main	EA	4	\$ 4,000	\$ 16,000
9	NYSDOT Rt 63 Boring with 24" Casing and 8" RJ Carrier Pipe	LF	70	\$ 750	\$ 52,500
10	Rock Excavation	CY	333	\$ 125	\$ 41,667
11	Compaction Testing	LS	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

Construction Subtotal = \$ 1,493,167
 Contingency (20%) = \$ 298,633
 Engineering, Legal & Administration (20%) = \$ 298,633
 Total = \$ 2,090,433
Total Estimated Capital Cost = \$ 2,091,000

Genesee County – Galloway Road Watermain / Macomber Road Watermain

Costs	Amount	Status of Phase (Not Yet Begun, In Progress, or Completed)	Comments and/or Details
Acquisition			
Soft Costs, Design, Permitting/Planning	\$ 298,633	Preliminary Engineering Started	
Construction/Renovation	\$1,790,800	Not Started	
Site Work			
Equipment			
Other <i>(Please elaborate in comments/details)</i>			
Total Cost	\$2,090,433		

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Other Sources <i>(please elaborate in comments/details)</i>			
Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Fiscal Year 2023	\$2,090,433		
Total Funding:	\$2,090,433		

Genesee County Water Supply Phase 3
Preliminary Budget Estimate
March 23, 2022

Phase 3 Supply

No.	Subproject Description	Capital Cost
	Golden Road PS Suction Water Main	\$ 8,200,000
	Stottle Road & Union Road Water Main	\$ 10,719,000
	Union Street Pump Station & Water Main	\$ 3,500,000
	Union Street 30" Transmission Main (Union WST to North Road)	\$ 5,762,000
	Bypass Pump Connections (Bergen & Caledonia)	\$ 300,000
	North Road 36" Transmission Main (Union Street to North Road PS)	\$ 29,316,000
	North Road Water Storage Tank (Composite 1.0 MG)	\$ 4,962,000
	North Road Pump Station (18 MGD) & Chemical Injection Building	\$ 5,000,000
	Subtotal	\$ 67,759,000
	Pandemic Contingency (25%)	\$ 16,939,750
	Supply Total	\$ 84,698,750

Phase 3 Distribution

No.	Subproject Description	Capital Cost
	Randall Road 36" Water Main (North Road PS to Prole Road)	\$ 32,400,000
	Prole Road Water Main (NYS Rt 33 to NYS Rt 5)	\$ 4,827,000
	Batavia Ag Park 1,070' HGL Water Storage Tank (2.0 MG)	\$ -
	Walker Road 1,070' HGL Water Storage Tank (0.8 MG to 1.5 MG by MCWA) Contribution	\$ -
	Misc. Control & Water Quality Improvements (meters, PRVs, telemetry, THM, CL2, flushers)	\$ 1,000,000
	Galloway Road, Macomber Road, & Stafford Parallel Water Mains	\$ 2,060,000
	Subtotal	\$ 40,287,000
	Pandemic Contingency (25%)	\$ 10,071,750
	Distribution Total	\$ 50,358,750

Phase 3 Non Pandemic Project Total \$ 108,046,000
Phase 3 Project Total \$ 135,057,500



Genesee County

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Letters of Support



GENESEE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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April 4, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of Genesee County Legislature, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

The County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years due to capacity issues and with the extreme weather events continuing for our region, these may get worse. These kinds of restrictions damper our residents' quality of life and developers' confidence in our County's water supply. The completion of Phase 3 will allow Genesee County to loosen its water restrictions on residents and promote further economic growth in the area.

The proposed drinking water improvements are critical to the public health and safety of area residents and visitors to our community. Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County's water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase



GENESEE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward. In addition, these improvements would aid in more economic development opportunities for our County with increased capacity and reliability of water

On behalf of Genesee County Legislature, I strongly support Genesee County's Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rochelle M. Stein
Chairperson

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April 4, 2022

Congressman Christopher Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

I am writing to express my strong support for Genesee County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. I recognize this is a large project.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

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As the Senator representing Genesee County, I strongly support this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E.A. Rath III". The initials "E.A." are written in a cursive style, followed by the name "Rath" and the Roman numeral "III".

EDWARD A. RATH III
NYS Senate – 61st District

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Deputy Minority Leader
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April 8, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs:

I am writing in support of the funding Genesee County is requesting for the County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant.

It is my understanding the Phase 3 Project includes the completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects. This will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

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The proposed drinking water improvements are critical to the public health and safety of area residents and visitors to our community. Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County's water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water

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Supply projects can move forward. In addition, these improvements would aid in more economic development opportunities for our County with increased capacity and reliability of water.

Therefore, it is without hesitation that I strongly support Genesee County's Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,



STEVE HAWLEY
Deputy Minority Leader
Member of NYS Assembly
139th AD

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Assistant County Engineer
Shannon Lyaski
Environmental Educator

April 11, 2021

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
U.S. House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

As you know, Genesee County is undertaking a large countywide water project to assure our residents, farms and industry have access to clean and reliable water. We started our countywide efforts in 1997, and with much outside help, we completed the \$30 million Phase 1 improvements in 2002. Phase 2 of this project is currently under way and has been funded completely by the County and its residents at a cost of \$23 million. Phase 2 will add another 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to the supply, but this new supply of water will quickly be tapped out by 2023.

To avoid this the County has embarked on an ambitious Phase 3 project, which is estimated at an additional \$70 million. This phase will provide for an additional 6 MGD day in supply. This added supply will allow the County to close the City of Batavia Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The City WTP is an aged structure, threatened by contamination of both surface and groundwater sources and limited in its ability to expand capacity to support the growing needs of the County. Not only will this project allow the County to replace this threatened and limited source, but Phase 3 will also allow the County to fulfill its vision of having safe and redundant water to all residents under one regional water provider via the Monroe County Water Authority.

I am seeking support from the Congressman for FY22 Community Funding, which I believe is available to all Congressional Districts. Specifically we are seeking \$10 million to help fund the Genesee County Phase 3 Water Project. I have attached an Executive Summary describing the project and the added benefits to the community. Also attached is a letter from our County Legislature supporting this request. I am available to offer any additional supporting information that may be required.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY J. HENS, P.E.
Superintendent

Atch: Executive Summary
Letter of Support

Genesee County Water Supply Program – Phase 3

Executive Summary

The primary goal of the Genesee County Water Supply Program is to provide safe, reliable and redundant water supply capacity and quality to meet countywide water needs and economic opportunities. The Phase 2 project is currently being implemented in order to provide an additional 2.4 MGD of water supply to the Genesee County system in order to address increasing demands and to provide additional supply until larger supply projects can be planned, funded and completed.

Based on current water demand projections, the supply capacity gained from the Phase 2 project water supply capacity will be exceeded by the end of 2023. It is recommended that a Phase 3 project continue to be evaluated and be implemented as soon as is practical to avoid a water supply deficit. There is an immediate urgency to advance this additional supply phase in order for Genesee County to avoid water restrictions or denial of the formation of new water districts.

A longstanding goal of the countywide water program has been to consolidate the county water systems under one regional operator with water supply coming from the Great Lakes via the Monroe County Water Authority rather than from the threatened and limited water sources within the county. The City of Batavia Water Treatment Plant has long been the source of most of the water for Genesee County, but this facility is over 100 years old, threatened by both surface water and groundwater contamination and it is very limited in its ability to produce more water to meet the county's rapidly increasing demand. The additional supply of 7.6 MGD gained from Phase 3 would allow for closure of the City WTP and still provide surplus water for system expansion and economic development throughout the County.

Phase 3 generally consists of the construction of new major water transmission mains and pump stations through both Genesee County and neighboring Monroe County; all the way back to the MCWA Shoremont Water Treatment Plant on Lake Ontario. Much of this pipeline in Monroe County is through heavily suburban areas and the expected costs are very high. The total projected cost of Phase 3 is over \$70 million. Genesee County thus far has been able to fund the current Phase 2 projects with user fees on water customers, but even with a "Water pays for water" strategy, the expected burden is difficult to bear.

Attached are maps of projected Phase 3 upgrades needed within both Genesee and Monroe Counties.



April 4, 2022

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RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

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On behalf of the Genesee County Economic Development Center, I strongly support Genesee County's Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hyde', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Hyde
President & CEO
Genesee County Economic Development Center



City of Batavia

April 4, 2022

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On behalf of City of Batavia, I strongly support Genesee County's Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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City of Batavia

Sincerely,

Rachael J. Tabelski

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April 5, 2022

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RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

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Sincerely,

Gregory H. Post
Supervisor
Town of Batavia

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O-AT-KA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc.

The Honorable Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 6, 2022

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Representative Jacobs,

On behalf of O-AT-KA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc., I am writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community Project Request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

O-AT-KA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc. is a subsidiary of Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc. which is owned by 280 farmers located throughout New York and the Northeast. The Cooperative owns and operates 9 dairy manufacturing facilities with 1,900 employees that turn milk into a full spectrum of wholesome and nutritious dairy products. These products are sold to retail, foodservice, schools, government institutions, and hospitality partners across New York, the nation, and internationally.

It is critical that projects such as the Phase 3 Water Supply project are funded to assure an available and consistent supply of water to residents and the two manufacturing plants owned by Upstate Niagara in Genesee County. To that end, the completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City WTP. Currently, the Batavia WTP draws from the same aquifer as O-AT-KA and this project would reduce demand on that aquifer while also providing an opportunity for future growth at our dairy manufacturing plants.

Genesee County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years due to capacity issues because of weather events and other factors. These kinds of restrictions reduce our residents' quality of life and dairy manufacturing's confidence in our county's water supply. Phase 3 improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents and businesses in the county a resilient water supply.

Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County's water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward, provide for more economic development, and assurances of increased capacity and reliability of water.

O-AT-KA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc. strongly supports Genesee County's Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

William L. Schreiber,
Chief Executive Officer



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Sincerely,



Lawrence C. Webster,
Chief Executive Officer



Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

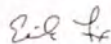
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The County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years due to capacity issues and with the extreme weather events continuing for our region, these may get worse. These kinds of restrictions dampen our residents' quality of life and developers' confidence in our County's water supply. The completion of Phase 3 will allow Genesee County to loosen its water restrictions on residents and promote further economic growth in the area.

The proposed drinking water improvements are critical to the public health and safety of area residents and visitors to our community. Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County's water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward. In addition, these improvements would aid in more economic development opportunities for our County with increased capacity and reliability of water.

On behalf of the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, we strongly support Genesee County's Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Erik Fix
President
Genesee County Chamber of Commerce



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April 14, 2022

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Dear Congressman Jacobs,

I fully support funding the water improvement project in Genesee County that will improve the County's water supply and eliminate reliance on the outdated and jeopardized infrastructure at Batavia Water Treatment Plant.

This County project will eliminate dependence on erratic water quality and water capacity concerns at the Batavia WTP. The partnership with the Monroe County Water Authority (WCWA) will provide enhanced system reliability through financial, operational, and managerial assets and provide safe and reliable water allowing for continued job creation and development. The current average day county water demands are 6.9 MGD. On peak days this demand spikes to nearly 9.7 MGD, which exceeds the county's supply capacity of 8.9 MGD. This funding is paramount to ensure that future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward assisting communities within the County.

The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources and these improvements will help Genesee County's goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and giving residents a resilient water supply.

Construction of the Town of Bergen Water Improvement Benefit Area is currently underway within Genesee County. The project includes the installation of approximately 164,000 linear feet of water main and includes 352 service connections serving an estimated population of 890 residents. The project will depend on the County's water supply to meet its estimated average daily demand of 58,000 gallons of water to the project area. The Town's project is also dependent on Genesee County increasing its water supply capacity to allow further expansion of its water system to serve additional areas and/or populations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Ernest Haywood, Supervisor

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April 14, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
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RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of CY Farms, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents and farmers a resilient water supply.

The County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years due to capacity issues and with the extreme weather events continuing for our region, these may get worse. These kinds of restrictions can be very detrimental to farmers and small businesses.

The proposed drinking water improvements are critical to the public health and safety of area residents and visitors to our community. Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County's water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward. In addition, these improvements would aid in more economic development opportunities for our County with increased capacity and reliability of water.

On behalf of CY Farms/ Batavia Turf, I strongly support Genesee County's Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Christian Yunker, Managing Partner

CY Farms/ Batavia Turf

April 14, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

I fully support funding the water improvement project in Genesee County that will move the County's water supply and they will not be relying on the outdated and jeopardized infrastructure at Batavia Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements as the water limitations affect every community in the County. Our firm works with communities within the County that are having their own plans and projects paused until the water capacity is there.

This County project will eliminate dependence on erratic water quality and water capacity concerns at the Batavia WTP and our clients recognize the partnership with the Monroe County Water Authority (WCWA) will provide enhanced system reliability through financial, operational, and managerial assets and provide safe and reliable water and this will allow for continued job creation and development. The current average day county water demands are 6.9 MGD. On peak days this demand spikes to nearly 9.7 MGD, which exceeds the county's supply capacity of 8.9 MGD. This funding is paramount to ensure the future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward assisting communities within the County.

It is my understanding that the completion of North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County another step toward the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant and provide the capacity for communities within the County to move forward with their own planned projects. As you know, the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources and these improvements will help Genesee County's goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and giving residents a resilient water supply and will not be a barrier for its cities, towns and villages to grow.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,



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Genesee County

FY-23 Congressional Directed Spending Request

Supporting Documentation



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**GENESEE COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS URGE
RESIDENTS TO CONSERVE WATER**

***Multi-million dollar improvement projects continue in ongoing effort
to enhance water supply***

BATAVIA, NY – Officials from Genesee County, the City and Town of Batavia, Village of Oakfield, Village of Elba, and the Genesee County Department of Health are requesting residents connected to the Public Water Supply System to conserve water.

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If voluntary conservation measures are unsuccessful, mandatory water conservation may have to be enforced.

For more information, please contact:

- Tim Hens, Genesee County Engineer
585-344-8508
- Genesee County Department of Health
585-344-2580 extension 5510

WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE
NEWS RELEASE
GENESEE COUNTY

May 28, 2021

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We need your help. If voluntary conservation measures are unsuccessful, mandatory water conservation may be enforced. Questions may be directed to County Engineer Tim Hens at (585) 344-8508 or the Genesee County Department of Health at (585) 344-2580, ext 5510.

**Genesee County Water Emergency Water Supply Meeting
April 20, 2021**

Attendance:

Tim Hens (tim.hens@co.genesee.ny.us), Genesee County
Steve Mountain (smountain@townofbatavia.com), Town of Batavia
Matt Landers (matt.Landers@co.genesee.ny.us), Genesee County
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Bill Davis, (bdavis@batavianewyork.com), City of Batavia
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Lindsay Carney, (Lindsay.osterman@co.genesee.ny.us), Genesee County
Chris King, (chris.king@mcwa.com), MCWA
Tom Mikolajczyk (oakfielddpwtom@gmail.com), Village of Oakfield

Background:

- Summer 2020 Peak Days were approx. 0.9 MGD above target pumping from City WTP of 4.5 MGD and was reduced by supplemental supply from ECWA (+0.5 MGD) and voluntary restriction
- Mumford PS and Churchville PS will be online in early May and provide added 350,000 GPD
- Pumping at North Rd PS increased by 0.2 MGD based on increased suction side conditions (North Rd/Vallance Rd)
- Projected peak demands for Countywide Water System are still 1.3 MGD above pumping capability of City WTP and MCWA at North Rd Station even with Phase 2 upgrades thus far.
- Remaining Phase 2 projects (Golden Rd PS, PS Upgrades) will not be online until spring 2022.
- Some district expansion has also slid to 2022 (Bethany, Byron, Bergen)

Current Issues:

- Low groundwater levels at Well 'A' are a concern with latest USGS charts showing levels < 10th percentile on a historic basis.
- Groundwater forecasted to continue dropping through 12/2021 and if trend continues Well 'A' will begin to have issues with production in October
- Current pumping at City WTP is 2-3 to 2.5 MGD from wells with balance coming from Tonawanda Creek
- Impacts at Well 'A' would also likely result in impacts at neighboring O-AT-KA Milk and require them to use additional public water supply (O-AT-KA currently pumps an estimated 1 MGD from their private wells) with their current average public water usage at 132,000 GPD.
- Impact at Well 'A' could represent a loss of production of approx 0.6-0.7 MGD at City WTP
- Darien Lake Theme Park and Campgrounds will be active again in 2021
- MCWA can get up to 1.4 MGD from ECWA with some prior coordination and notice so that pumps may be setup on Powers Rd similar to 2020 (consideration for Rt 77/Alabama Feed)

Emergency Water Supply Plan Steps:

1. Voluntary water use reduction
 - a. last year we went down 300,000 gal- public messaging should begin now (County/DOH)
 - b. No watering lawns, washing cars, unnecessary outdoor usage
2. Reduction in Flushing
 - a. City will not flush hydrants during peak summer months

- b. Contractor coordination on new construction to avoid flushing on peak days
 - c. Contractor delay filling mains & tanks (MCWA will reach out to Pavilion)
 - d. Town of Batavia flushing reductions
 - i. Implementing Chlorine Boosters and DBP Treatment Stations will aid in this
 - ii. County advertising for bids ASAP on Chlorine Stations and DBP Treatment
3. Supplemental Water Supplies
- a. ECWA
 - i. Powers Rd pumped last year approx. 0.5 MGD
 - ii. New connection on Rt. 77 to bring in ECWA water via Alabama
 - iii. Darien Lake usage will reduce availability on peak days
 - b. MCWA from Byron into Elba
 - i. Approx add of 0.05 MGD
 - ii. Portable pump between hydrants at Pressure Zone boundary
 - iii. Relies on Churchville PS rather than Temperance Hill Tank feed
 - c. Possible supplemental from Village of Attica
 - i. MCWA not opposed during an emergency
 - ii. Not sure on added capacity, but Steve Mountain will check with Attica to verify
 - iii. Would need to operate connection along Rt 98 in Alexander
4. Mandatory restrictions rather than voluntary (would need DOH order)
5. Approaching large users to voluntarily/mandatory stop or coordinate usage
- a. HP Hood
 - b. Large Farms
 - c. Could dairy farms go back on well temporarily? Some farms have maintained their connections. ½ might have convertibility. Modification or loss of production will have a business cost. Questionnaire to them could be the way to go. Survey will go out with an advisory that mandatory water restrictions might be required this year.
 - d. Survey reach out will come from the water retailer Town of Batavia/Town of Oakfield – educate to cooperate
 - e. Close off the Cedar street pump for a few days, limit the flow to the City and O-AT-KA, and see what will happen at 7-springs? City, County and MCWA agree beneficial to see impacts. Three-day shutoff to monitor impacts. Ag Park usage has remained high (26 MG from City WTP through last quarter) even with Temperance Hill valves open to allow MCWA feed.

**Genesee County Water Emergency Water Supply Meeting
May 7, 2021**

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- Remaining Phase 2 projects (Golden Rd PS, PS Upgrades) will not be online until spring/summer of 2022.
- Some district expansion has also slid to 2022 (Bethany, Byron, Bergen)

Current Issues:

- City Well production is currently limited to 2.4 MGD versus normal 2.9 MGD due to low groundwater levels and resulting loss of production.

Emergency Water Supply Plan Steps:

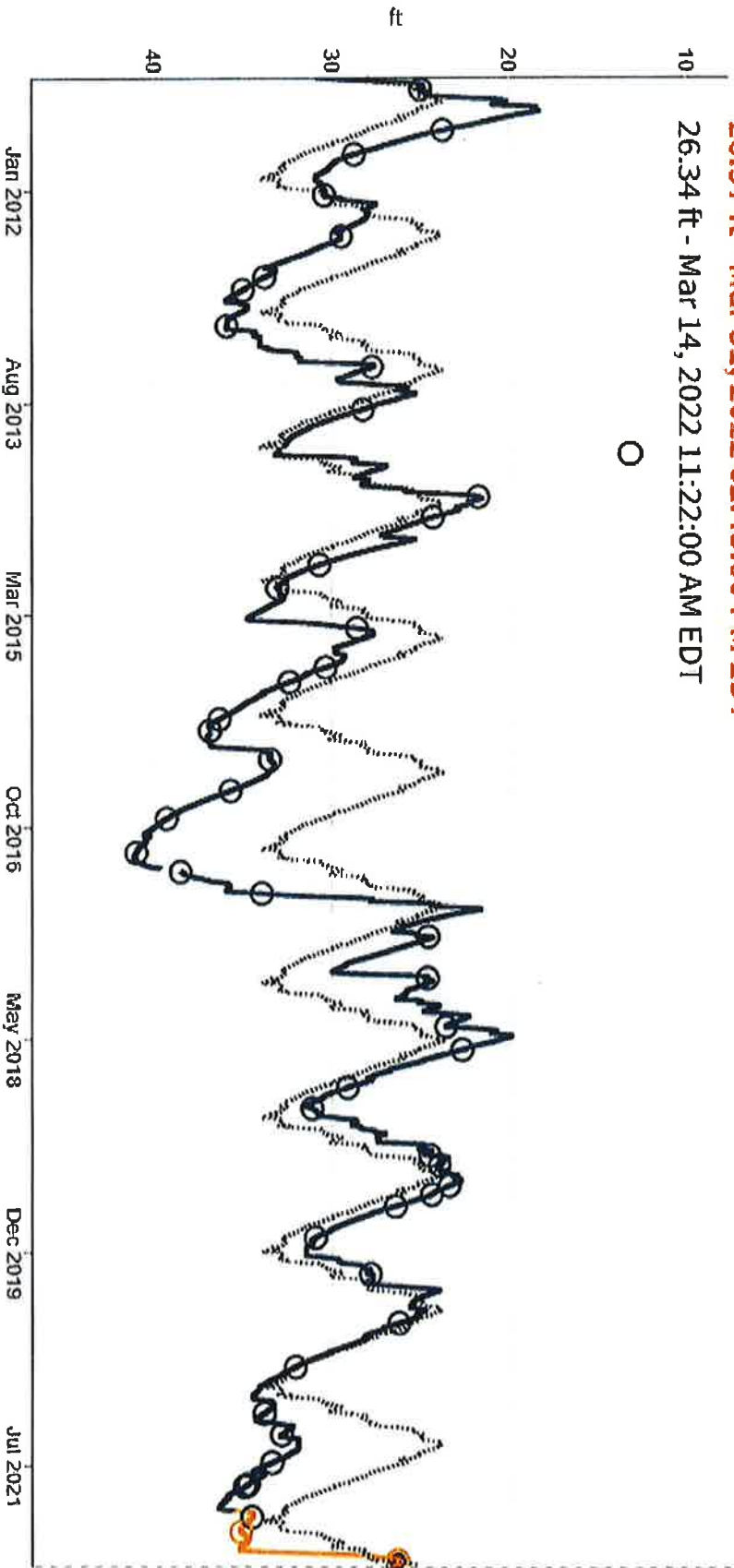
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 - a. Draft Message Attached. Would like to release to public May 28th and reinforce through the summer months.
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 - i. Implementing Chlorine Boosters and DBP Treatment Stations will aid in this
 - ii. County advertising for bids ASAP on Chlorine Stations and DBP Treatment next week
 - e. Coordination between Town and City of Batavia is hypercritical going into summer (filling & monitoring tanks, system issues)
 - i. Telemetry on master meters to aid in main break detection?
 - ii. City has no way to monitor Town tank levels (Elba, Oakfield, Alexander)

- f. Oakfield-Elba valves are undergoing testing next 2-3 weeks after that possible to let water flow between the towns to help in water quality
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 - v. New pressure zone in Elba
 - c. Possible benefits from WIBA #1 in Bergen
 - i. Buffalo Road water main size increase - \$3,100, and
 - ii. North Lake Road water main size increase \$44,021 (this will allow us to push water through Sweden into Bergen and Byron now that we have converted the 822 zone back to 820).
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 - i. Master meter closed week of May 17th—need update in impacts to system

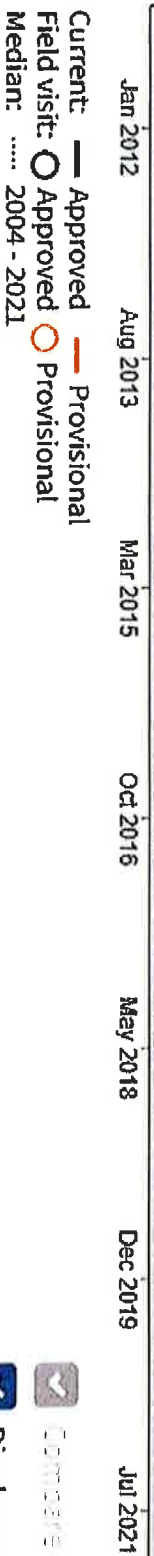
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- Water Features
- Tax Parcel Boundaries
- Elevation Contours (feet)
- Assumed Groundwater

Focus List Selection Criteria:
 Downgradient Private Wells or Public Water Supply Wells Within 0.25 Miles of Landfill Boundary

References:
 Parsons Hydrogeologic Investigation

Region 8 Genesee County

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

Department of Environmental Conservation

Cedar Street Dump Area Receptors DRAFT
Inactive Landfill Initiative

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**Water Supply Emergency Response Plan
For
Genesee County**

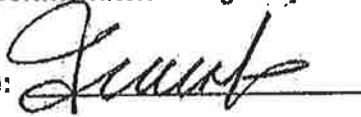
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GENESEE County Water Resource Agency

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	2020	2022	2027	2032	
Average Daily Demand:	7.39	9.27	11.83	14.87	MGD
Max Daily Demand:	11.17	14.327	17.64	21.72	MGD
System Capacity	12.98	14.98	18.98	21.98	MGD

5. Future System Operation.

The Genesee County water system was conceptualized in 1998 with MCWA operating and maintaining a regional water supplier across the entire county. This was envisioned to reduce duplication of effort, achieve economies of scale and maintain the highest reliability over the water supply. The current system is a combination of MCWA Retail Service and locally operated water departments. Over the long term, it is likely that the County will move ahead with Phase 3 supply improvements and cease operations of the City of Batavia Water Treatment Plant. When this occurs, the County will no longer be a wholesale purchaser of water from MCWA and it will be a decision point for local municipalities that still maintain and operate their own water departments.

6. Other Pertinent System Information

Other information about the system that could be useful during an emergency:

See the DEC Water Department Water Conservation Plan (available online).

MCWA brings many benefits to Genesee County including their experience in operating water systems, lower costs and the regional benefits of reliable water sources. The biggest threat posed to Genesee County by being connected to MCWA is that the County is at the end of the line. Being at the end means Genesee County can be subjected to disruptions from breaks, shortages or incidents outside of its control and even outside of the County. The end of the line also brings the challenge of treating Disinfectant Byproducts (DPB) as the water remains in the ground longer. At the far distant edge of an already well-developed system, another challenge is delivering enough water to meet the future needs of the County. It is difficult to transmit large quantities of water through a primarily residential distribution system. In order to accomplish this, the County must expend large sums of money to develop transmission mains with no shared benefit for users within Monroe County.

Monroe County Water Authority (ECWA Source Supply)

	Helpful	Harmful
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infrastructure is in place - Reliable source in Niagara River/Lake Erie - History of water production - High production capacity - Regional Supplier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of redundancy during a major transmission break - Higher DBPs to due detention time - High cost of obtaining additional supply - Higher cost of water - Loss of ECWA Engineering/Operations Experience - Older infrastructure/bottlenecks
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant Resources - Additional supply available from Sturgeon Pt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Major breaks/contamination outside of County - Demands on water outside of Genesee Co - Future regulatory impacts on DBPs - Contractual obligations - Increasing demands in Genesee Co

MCWA purchases water wholesale from ECWA. This water is retailed throughout the western towns of Genesee County. While from a reliable source (Niagara River), the supply has many vulnerabilities that the County must plan for including, disruptions in supply due to outside breaks and transmission failure, treatment of DBP due to extended detention times, higher cost of water from ECWA, and contractual limitations with ECWA purchases.

GENESEE 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

DECEMBER 2021



1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Genesee County Comprehensive Plan offers a new perspective on comprehensive planning.

It provides all the pieces that make up the jigsaw puzzle that is a comprehensive plan — inventory, background data, tables and charts and maps. It is just that most of them are not here.

This plan's puzzle pieces, like so much of our modern lives, live online. They are interactive, transparent, and as an added benefit, many of them are manipulable, so users can get more from them than can be contained in a printed plan. All that data is online here: www.Genesee2050.com. References to this site appear throughout the plan as a reminder to readers visit the data, to dig deep, and even indulge in some personal scenario building.

This plan, whatever form it takes — printed version, pdf or an on-line iteration — focuses less on *the what* than on the *what it all means*. The facts will all change, the communities will change, grow and contract. The numbers all mean less in the concrete than they do in the abstract. That is, the importance to the whole of, say, the number of people who call Bethany or Stafford or Batavia home is less important than the livability of these communities and the extent to which the County can help them sustain and evolve.

Gone too are the traditional lists of prescriptive recommendations. Instead, a smaller and more general set of recommendations focuses on preparing for the future based upon what has been learned from the past. The Genesee County Office for the Aging does not need a plan to find out that more resources are needed to help seniors stay in their homes and engaged in their communities. County management does not need to be told that it is imperative that it raise millions of dollars to do, well, just about anything. The Genesee County Economic Development Center does not need to be told how to carry the Western New York Science & Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (STAMP) ball over the goal line.

The task of developing this plan has been to seek to understand where Genesee County wants to go and to craft a strategy to help itself get there. Because it turns out that Genesee County is a very capable planner and implementer.

Background

In New York State, cities, towns and villages engage in comprehensive planning as a mechanism to develop a future land use plan as a basis for development and adoption of a zoning code. But for counties, there is no imperative to engage in comprehensive planning. That does not mean that they should not, only that they do not have to. Most of them do not. Genesee County's story affirms that there is a very strong argument to be made for comprehensive planning at the County level.

Knowing — or perhaps sensing — that it would need a strong planning framework to preserve its character and quality of life into the future, Genesee County advanced the idea of a comprehensive plan in the late days of the 1990s. That resulting comprehensive plan was adopted in 1997, and it did everything a comprehensive plan is supposed to do — it hit all the right notes and at 663 pages, it did so somewhat exhaustively.

As any community that aspires to adopt and implement a plan well knows, an effective plan is not measured by the extent to which it is exhaustive, but by the extent to which the community is engaged in its implementation. For Genesee County, this commitment to implementation has endured over 24 years. The 1997 plan opened the door to the development of Genesee County's Smart Growth Plan, a strategy to distribute water through the rural areas of the County to its population centers without enabling County-wide sprawl. The Smart Growth Plan also endures today and has seen the County through phases I and II of the water project and will be there for the soon-to-commence third phase. Genesee County is the only New York County planning under Smart Growth.

EXCERPT FROM

"1997 GENESEE COUNTY PLAN"

"Expanded computer capability is also related to improved coordination and communication. The advent of global networks such as the internet adds a unique opportunity to the timing of the Comprehensive Planning process. ... The planning process identifies expanded electronic communications among and between government agencies and school districts as a significant need."

"Computerization presents the County with a tremendous opportunity to enhance communication and cooperation. The sharing of information via computer technology can significantly reduce duplicative or time-consuming processes, while at the same time allowing each agency, or branch of government, to maintain independence and local control."

The 1997 plan helped the County focus on priorities that included economic development and diversification of the workforce, support for existing industries and sustaining public health — all impossible without ample supplies of water. The 1997 plan also provided a framework for preventing redundancies to the extent possible and played a supporting role in at least one transformational project: the development of the County's first agricultural business park.



CONT.

Every year since 2001 each focus group develops a monitoring report that is compiled into a whole and presented to the County Legislature. The reports are all similarly formatted and succinct, presenting the prior year's results in four categories — which vary — the current year's issues and the priorities for addressing these issues in the coming year.

There are two overarching recommendations of this plan. Both nod to the extraordinary accomplishments of the 1997 plan. They are:

1. *Genesee County must sustain the Smart Growth Plan; and*
2. *Genesee County should maintain and expand its focus group system.*

Smart Growth Plan

In the coming years thousands of new jobs will begin locating in the Western New York Science & Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park. They will trigger substantial demand for new housing and commercial space. Smart Growth will play a significant role in directing this growth and preserving Genesee's cherished character and improving overall quality of life. Future Smart Growth development will find communities in better economic and environmental health, citizens will drive fewer miles, and many fewer agricultural acres will be converted to other uses.

Genesee Transportation Council commissioned an evaluation of the impacts of STAMP at full build out against a "business as usual" or non-Smart Growth scenario (See Appendix A). It projected that under Smart Growth, vehicle, building energy and water costs could fall 10% per household and tax revenues generated by new growth could quadruple over the planning horizon. See the full report at www.Gensee2050.com.

Genesee is positioned to grow – STAMP notwithstanding – and Smart Growth impacts will be realized incrementally against any growth. Climate refugees, people who are no longer tied to locations for their jobs and want higher quality and more affordable lives for their families are among populations that will very likely notice Genesee County. Further, protecting agricultural lands is critical as the planet warms and the growing season here in the northeast is extended while extreme heat and weather events threaten agriculture in the Midwest and west coast.

Focus Group System

The County can use the focus groups to engage more stakeholders and better integrate focus groups with one another. As they go forward with their work, the focus groups must quantify the needs and the demands of their respective subject areas. For example: the 2019 Ag & Food Production Monitoring Report recommends: The continued assessment of culverts for increasing number of storm events. What does that cost? Do Transportation & Mobility and Ag & Food agree that this is a shared priority? The final presentation to the legislature should set integrated priorities for action. Genesee County sought a comprehensive plan update that reimagines the process of planning and set up a framework for delivering an annual product that is concise and useful to decision makers. Through the tumult that was the global COVID-19 pandemic, the keys to the County's aspirations were delivered via Zoom. On-line collaboration will help facilitate the conversations and cooperation that will convey Genesee County to its preferred future.

In late 2021, there is ambivalence about virtual meetings, of course. Many people working from home or in face-to-face meeting adverse situations for the better part of two years are just plain sick of these platforms. But it is undeniable that virtual meetings are more convenient, more efficient, and less expensive than driving to a meeting location. They also make it possible for a greater diversity of people to participate including people in remote locations, and those who do not or cannot drive, or who have accessibility needs.





3.0 ELEMENTS

LAND USE, ENVIRONMENT AND PLACEMAKING

1 What We Know

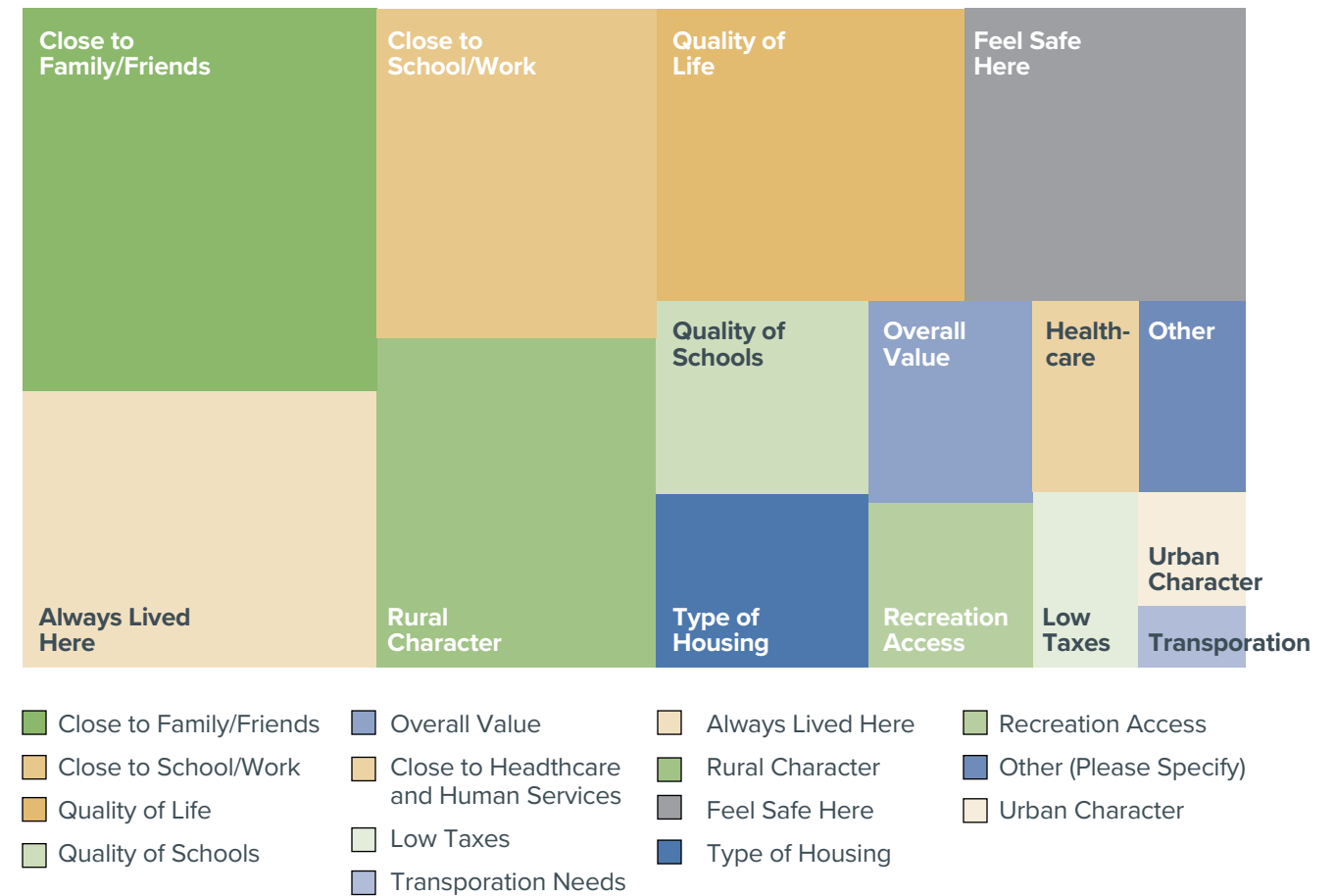
Genesee County seeks to preserve and enhance the character and qualities of its place, those elements that residents cherish, increase its economic competitiveness, protect its farmland, and increase its overall sustainability. For the past 20 years it has done this by containing growth to areas most appropriate for additional density and population through its Smart Growth Plan, a strategy for extending water service to denser areas without providing incentives for development outside these designated areas. So far, it enjoys fairly wide support. One barometer of its effectiveness: Among its strongest supporters are those who were last to get on board when the plan was first proposed.

The Smart Growth Plan is just one mechanism available to protect valuable farmlands and prevent sprawl. The County is also in the resiliency planning phase of its Green Genesee/Smart Genesee sustainable land use planning project. The project supports local communities that do not have the capacity or tools to develop strong comprehensive plans and land use regulations to advance a resilient environment as the climate changes.

2 What Does it Mean?

Genesee County is home, according to participants in the public engagement process for this plan. It is where family and friends are; it is safe, has a high quality of life and a celebrated rural character. Most of the respondents to the Genesee 2050 survey, 82%, say they will stay here. *“Why would I leave an area where all my family and friends reside????”* commented one. And County residents are pretty satisfied with the compatibility of land uses. Among survey respondents, 41% are very satisfied or satisfied with the compatibility of land uses, a similar proportion are neutral. It’s true that most people don’t develop opinions about land use compatibility or zoning unless they run afoul of the regulations.

Why do you choose to live in your Genesee County community?



41%
OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS
Say rural character is why they choose to live in the County

66%
OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS
Are Satisfied or Very Satisfied with the Parks and Trails in the County

41%
OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS
Are Satisfied or Very Satisfied with the walkability of their communities

During a pair of public meetings in January 2021, participants created collages expressing with imagery and words the essential comforts that make Genesee County home. They also created *“Time magazine”* covers that included headlines and images conveying their vision of a preferred future for the County 20 years into the future. The collages and magazine covers reflected common themes of the advancement

of agriculture’s importance to the economy and the importance of a diverse and sustainable landscape. Participants also highlighted preservation of the County’s natural and recreational resources, the diversity of community types, and a high quality of life. In other words, the value of the place matters.

LAND USE, ENVIRONMENT AND PLACEMAKING CONT.

3 Why is this Element Important for Genesee County?

Key components of assuring orderly, sustainable growth in Genesee County are the Smart Growth Plan and local land use policies. The Smart Growth Plan is a mitigating action for potential significant environmental impacts of the multi-phase Genesee County water supply project. The plan is intended to revitalize villages, hamlets and the city while protecting Genesee's most precious assets – its agricultural land and overall rural character (See Engagement section).

Local zoning codes and the Smart Growth Plan drive land use decisions in Genesee County. The Smart Growth Plan is here: www.Genesee2050.com

Through the first two phases of the water project, Smart Growth has been a win-win. It has done its job of preserving agricultural land. And fears that it would be overly restrictive have not materialized. In fact, of approximately 70 applications for exceptions to Smart Growth filed since its inception, 90% were approved.

Seventy applications to draw outside the Smart Growth lines in 20 years isn't really that many. And that, paired with the absence of appreciable growth in the urban centers indicates a lack of development pressure. This is a problem because without growth, Genesee County could be in danger of watching sustainability slip through its fingers as taxes have to escalate to support infrastructure serving a diminishing population dispersed over its nearly 500 square miles.

97%
of the County's land cover has not experienced any change between 2001-2016.

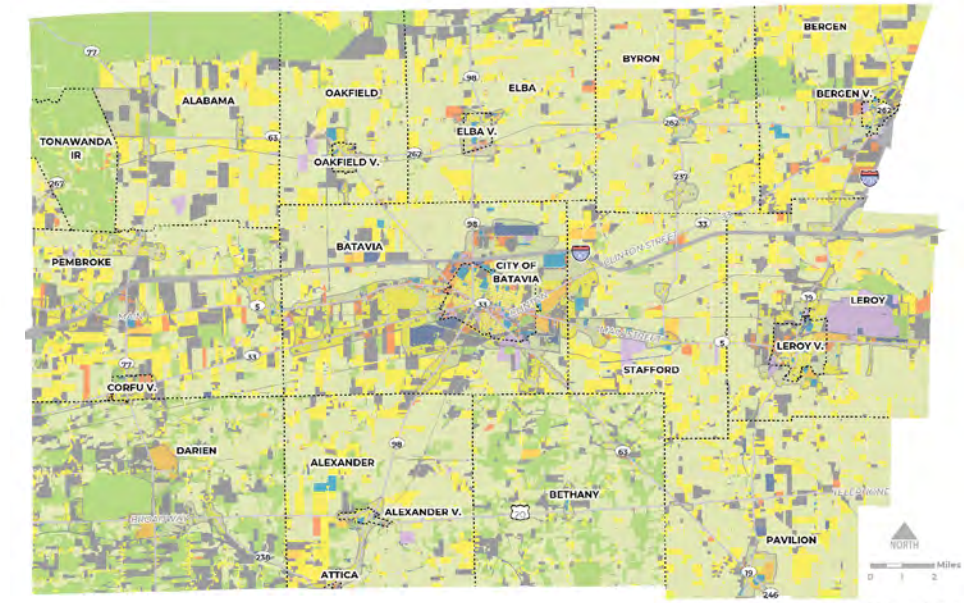
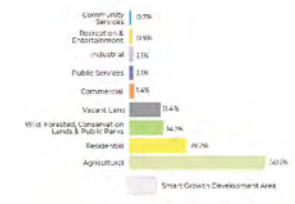
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Existing Land Use and Smart Growth Plan

Agriculture and Residential Consume Most of the Land in Genesee County.



Existing Landuse



Existing Land Use Patterns - Genesee County Municipalities



That's the past. Now, with the activation of STAMP the population of Genesee County could expand by 10,000 people by 2050. Climate change could also play a role as Genesee County and the region begin to attract refugees from rising waters and harsher storm

events. Smart Growth is even more relevant and critical as the County implements its long-term economic development strategy centered around STAMP and as the third and largest component of the water project rolls out (See Technology and Infrastructure Element).

LAND USE, ENVIRONMENT AND PLACEMAKING CONT.

4 Charting a Course for the Future

The County may find itself in uncharted waters in its pursuit of placemaking in an environment of increasing growth pressure. Its Smart Growth Plan should protect it from pressure to develop subdivisions of single-family homes perched atop hills in bucolic rural settings or on top of soils of statewide importance in fertile valleys. A strong policy foundation gives the County's communities the tools they need to reinforce Smart Growth. Green Genesee/Smart Genesee is an ethical framework for environmental protection that can help individuals and communities understand their roles in climate resiliency. It provides a strong imperative for communities to review their local comprehensive plans and zoning to ensure continuing consistency with the Smart Growth Plan as well as other important measures such as preventing agricultural runoff and non-point source pollution, addressing carbon emissions and greenhouse gases and storm water management.

Land Use

As it maintains and updates this comprehensive plan, its Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, the Smart Growth Plan, and other guiding documents, Genesee County should also continue efforts to help its communities protect and preserve their character, natural areas, and farmland through measures like these:

- ▶ Encourage and assist communities as they:
 - ✓ Update Comprehensive plans
 - ✓ Update zoning regulations, including updates to encourage resilient and sustainable development
 - ✓ Adopt streamlined form-based codes or design standards
 - ✓ Remove barriers to the redevelopment of underutilized sites and buildings
 - ✓ Preserve the historic character of their communities
 - ✓ Adopt or update Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans
- ▶ Pursue water agreements with all communities

Environment

The conversion of prime farmland is a current and growing concern in Genesee County. An additional concern is a proliferation of vacant, underutilized, and abandoned former commercial and industrial sites. Genesee County's communities need funding and Federal and State assistance to redevelop these gray and brownfield sites.

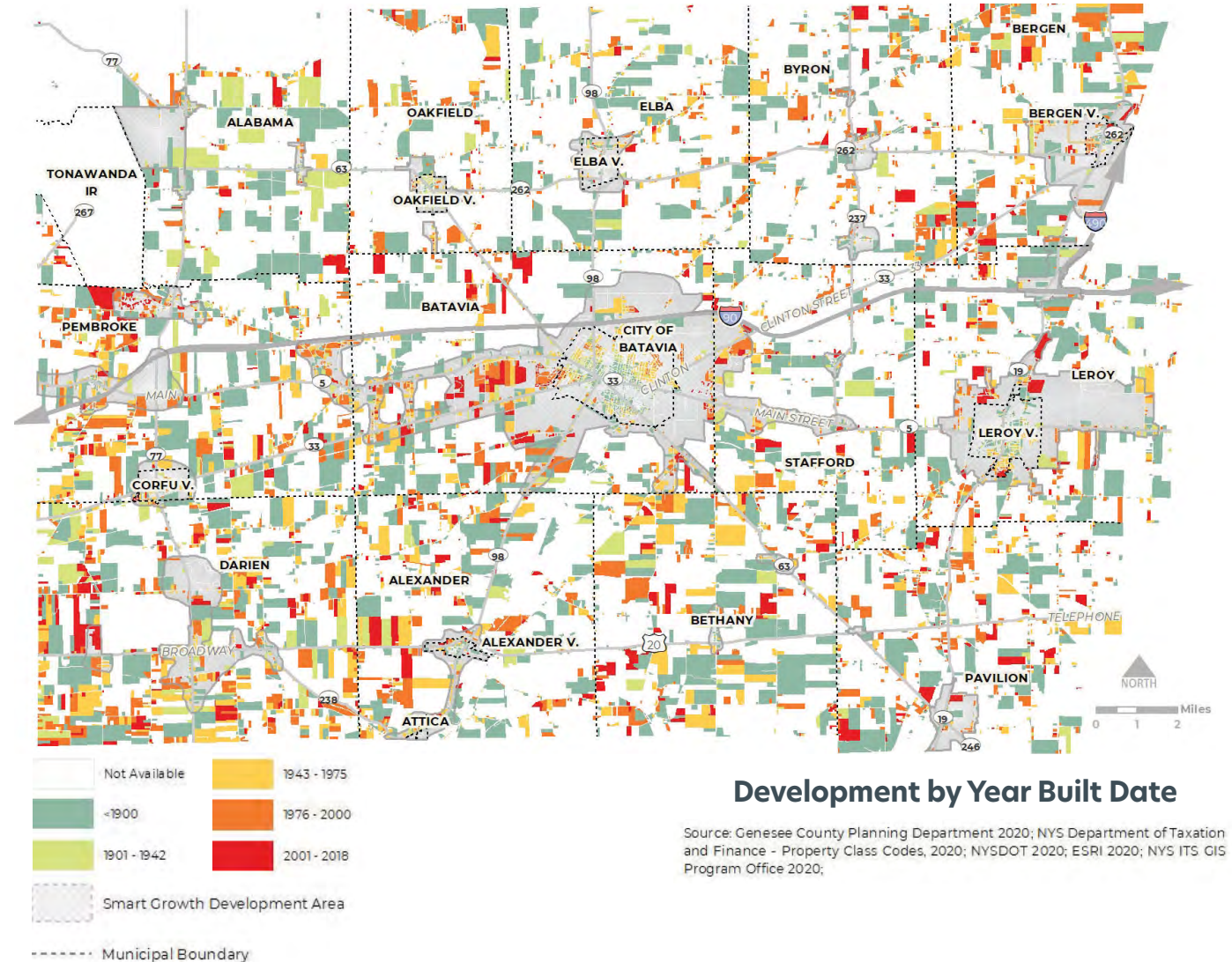
Genesee County and its agencies should work with communities on the direct marketing efforts of these sites. These efforts can yield cleanup tax credits for qualified developers that are direct cash infusions into projects, increasing project feasibility while also diverting development pressure from farmland. Some uses that can be pursued are:

- ▶ Renewable energy systems such as solar arrays
- ▶ New mixed-use communities
- ▶ Dense residential neighborhoods inside Smart Growth boundaries

Runoff and increasingly intense weather events threaten water quality, streambank stability, natural habitats, and the built environment. A combination of measures to preserve and enhance water quality, streambanks, and habitats while protecting life and property from flooding should include green infrastructure practices as well as farming and industrial best practices that minimize runoff. The County can promulgate the findings of the Green Genesee Smart Genesee process to help landowners understand their roles in sustainability and offer technical assistance for projects that address water quality, streambank stability, and habitat protection.

Placemaking

Recreational trails, multimodal transportation networks, and walkable connected communities are community priorities. Genesee County has been working on the design and implementation of trail networks throughout the County. With the end goal of creating more pedestrian-scale and walkable communities, Genesee



County assists its municipalities with technical support and finding funding sources for design and construction towards these ends:

- ▶ Development and maintenance of robust multi-modal networks linking destinations within communities and communities with one another
- ▶ Installation of pedestrian-scale design elements such as lighting, window transparency, wayfinding signage, wider and accessible sidewalks, and public realm enhancements
- ▶ Updated zoning codes that encourage dense, mixed-use development inside the Smart Growth boundaries

Creation of new parks and enhancing existing public parks and other public spaces that are accessible and attractive to users of all ages and abilities

Protection of scenic and important natural areas along with added improvements to make them safely accessible to the public

While continuing to expand these placemaking efforts, the County should also work with communities and the NYS Department of Transportation to develop a system of street and road hierarchy that recognizes the diversity of uses and inherent conflicts among them. This will help encourage a network of multi-modal complete streets with bike and pedestrian facilities separate from the network of wide, load-bearing roads that heavy agricultural equipment and large trucks require.

ARTS, CULTURE, PARKS AND RECREATION

1 What We Know

Arts, culture, parks and recreation are important to the identity of Genesee County. Genesee County residents enjoy an outstanding quality of life that features access to thousands of acres of park and conservation lands, hundreds of miles of overland and waterway trails, campgrounds and picnic areas, sports and recreation facilities, and a richness of cultural facilities including Rolling Hills Asylum, a supposedly haunted former County poor farm. The County operates two outstanding parks — DeWitt Recreation Area in Batavia and Genesee County Park and Forest with its associated ACORNS Interpretive Nature Center in East Bethany, as well as the newly constructed (2020) Ellicott Trail along with the Town and City of Batavia. Added to that are a richness of local park resources, special use areas such as Darien Lake State Park, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge), private sports facilities and clubs, a regional theme park and extensive and high-quality arts and cultural amenities. These all combine for a vibrant recreation and leisure landscape for everyone to enjoy.

Public and private entities throughout the County enhance the County- state-and federally owned public arts, culture, parks and recreation systems throughout Genesee County. Efforts to do this include among other things development of a new County Recreation Plan designed to an inventory of existing recreation assets, identify future recreation needs, trails, parkland and greenspace corridors; and creation of enhanced trip planning tools on Chamber of Commerce tourism website, increased pre pandemic accommodation revenue in the County (i.e., local hotel room demand and occupancy was up substantially in 2019) and the maintenance of and creation of new programs and opportunities by the Genesee Orleans County Regional Arts Council, known as GO-ART!.

Recreation and Entertainment Area

Picnic Grounds	
Bowling Centers	
Outdoor Swimming Pools	
Improved Beaches	
YMCA's, YWCA's, etc.	
Amusement Facilities	
Social Organizations	
Riding Stables	
Other Indoor Sports	
Stadiums, Arenas, Armories, Field Houses	
Other Outdoor Sports	
Fairgrounds	86.5
Athletic Fields	95.9
Playgrounds	101.0
Racetracks	122.7
Private Golf Country Clubs	158.2
Camps, Camping	160.9
Facilities and Resorts	467.2
Public Golf Courses	754.0

Areas do not include Wild, forested, conservation lands and public parks



2 What Does it Mean?

Genesee County residents use a wide array of cultural, parks and recreation resources in the County including Dewitt Recreation Area, Genesee County Park & Forest, the Ellicott Trail, regional Wildlife Management Areas, City of Batavia Parks and associated trails, Kiwanis Park and trails, and many more. They use resources that are proximate to where they live and say they appreciate the condition of the County's parks and trails and that they're safe. County residents also enjoy *the variety* of recreational resources offered. Residents say they would like to see more trails, expanded trails and more connected trails (to other trails and parks). It should be noted that while the residents would like to see more walking trails, the New York State Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan (2014 – 2019) scored Genesee County mostly in the “average” range for recreation resources present with the exception Walking and Jogging trails and Parks where the County scored slightly better than average in terms of that resource area's need.

Genesee County's population has leveled off over the last 20 years. In addition, the population of Genesee County is older than both the state and national averages, both factors suggesting the need to target future arts and culture, parks and recreation programs and facilities that align with the population residing in the County and the demographic of the population using the resources. **Nevertheless, recreational amenities play a big role in attracting and retaining new families.**



EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

1 What We Know

Governments proliferate everywhere, including in Genesee County. According to Citizen Connects, a New York State website, there are 10,500 local governments in New York including the 62 counties and 1,487 other municipal governments, plus more than 7,000 special districts. Genesee County has 74 governments: the County, 20 municipalities, and 53 special districts – such as drainage, sewer, water, fire, fire protection, and school districts.

As counties go, Genesee does pretty well at controlling burgeoning government formation. Wyoming, Orleans and Livingston counties all have more, with 75, 90 and 96, respectively. In fact, just seven counties have fewer governments than Genesee – Seneca, Yates, Hamilton, Schoharie, Tioga, Fulton, and Montgomery. Monroe County has 624 governments and Erie County an astonishing 1,044, more than any other County.

The majority of these are independent taxing districts although some like fire protection districts are funded through other governments' budgets and do not directly tax. Other examples are Genesee Community College and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

Large numbers of governments create two acute problems. The first is cost which contributes to the high taxes for which New York is notorious. The second issue is the level of inter-governmental cooperation and communication required to serve citizens, keep interagency communications flowing, and prevent duplication of services can be overwhelming.

2 What Does it Mean?

The members of the Genesee County Association of Municipalities (GAM) feel the tax pain acutely. The late House Speaker Tip O'Neill said it best: All politics is local. As the most local of local governments municipalities are close to taxpayers' voices as they clamor for services and reject tax increases.

In a Genesee 2050 survey of GAM members, most respondents named taxes, revenue streams, funding, economic growth, etc. as local and County-wide priorities. In the Genesee 2050 public survey, taxes turned out not to be the most important issue – government cooperation along with public safety and fire protection ranked higher. But respondents were least satisfied with taxes. Interestingly, they were most satisfied with public safety and fire protection. Government efficiency was even more important to respondents with almost three-quarters of them saying it is important or very important and they are even less satisfied with government efficiency than they are with government cooperation.

Genesee 2050 respondents were asked to rate their optimism about the future on a scale of 1 to 100 with 1 as least optimistic and 100 as most optimistic. The result was 59 – just over the line from equanimity to very guarded optimism. Issues they named specifically in an open-ended follow-up question included taxes, spending, and funding. It's important to note that the survey was open during the COVID-19 pandemic and that situation undoubtedly contributed to uncertainty and pessimism.



EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION CONT.

3 Why is this Element Important for Genesee County?

Education and government are big-ticket taxpayer-funded institutions. Think of them as manufactured products: they must be high quality to reliably deliver well-educated children and citizen services. But they must do so at a cost that is not prohibitive, or consumers will find a suitable product elsewhere. With unsatisfactory manufactured products, consumers move on to another brand or model. With unsatisfactory education or government, consumers move. If enough of them do that, there are not enough revenues for institutions to perform reliably.

To draw the analogy to its terminal expression, unlike most manufactured products – think major appliances or vehicles – the success of one does not depend on the other. The malfunctioning washing machine has no impact on the microwave oven. But education and government are inextricably linked. Good schools can't make up for bad roads, poor parks and open spaces or lack of public safety. However, good schools probably inspire more patience with bad roads than good roads do with bad schools.

When the 1997 Genesee County Comprehensive Plan was introduced, the internet was still in its infancy. The extent to which this resource would change lives was not well understood, but it was acknowledged to have a great deal of potential in this passage:

At present, electronic communication within and between governmental agencies and school districts is minimal. The planning process identifies expanded electronic communications among and between government agencies and school districts as a significant need.

The 1997 plan certainly was prescient in this regard. The computer has transformed education and government administration, increased its efficiency and potential to prevent costly redundancies of service. Electronic communication facilitates the exchange of information and serves as an overall platform of cooperation and collaboration. The 1997 plan set the stage for this future. It also helped the County achieve goals of addressing water distribution while protecting public health and preventing adverse impacts on land use, encouraging economic development and diversification of the workforce and supporting local industries, said Jay Gsell, who retired as County manager in 2020 after 27 years of service to the County. The basis for this success is the Comprehensive Plan Focus Group system.



4 Charting a Course for the Future

The County's Comprehensive Plan Focus Group system brings the people who actually do the work of keeping the County and its disparate parts running smoothly together to discover areas in which they can cooperate and collaborate to save time, money, and lives, and prevent duplication of services. It works! As was asserted in the introduction to this Comprehensive Plan update, the Focus Group system is unique and overall functions very well. The Focus Groups are the place for the Education and Government Administration recommendations to take place. They are:

Consolidate across function lines – Every village that is included in a town of the same name should dissolve, says former County Manager Gsell. But he acknowledges that can be a very difficult decision. Communities may be able to move towards village dissolution and when and if they are ready, County planning and administration can be there to help guide them through the process of executing the required steps of assessment and analysis before coming to voters with a proposition.

But meanwhile, there are functional consolidations that can and do take place. An example of consolidation along functional lines is the County's emergency dispatch system. The fragmented system was consolidated so that a centralized dispatching system was created incorporating the dispatch centers in LeRoy and the City of Batavia to provide a centralized 911 center for the County. More of these can be identified.

Privatize functions and facilities when they can demonstrably show they will save taxpayers money – Some public functions can be successfully privatized to benefit taxpayers. An example of this is the Genesee County Nursing Home. The 240-bed nursing home was sold to a private operator in 2015 for \$15.2 million. This came after a 2010 study by the Center for Governmental Research concluded that the Home was a drag on

County finances to the tune of \$1.07 million in 2009 and rising. In an environment where the future of state and federal funding were uncertain, it made sense to find a professional operator to purchase the facility.

Other businesses the County and its municipalities can and should consider getting out of include water distribution and treatment, and broadband communications. These and other areas will require due diligence analysis to determine what benefits taxpayers most.

Engage the Community – This Comprehensive Plan Update represents a commitment by Genesee County to continue to leverage the power of telecommunications and the internet to increase transparency, functionality and efficiency of County government that it anticipated nearly 30 years before this update was commissioned. This update – not this printed or pdf thing, but the Genesee 2050, the Hubsite – fulfills that expectation.

The Hubsite is a resource for contemporary information about Genesee County and a forum for the Focus Groups and County government post their progress reports and livestream their meetings if they like. There's a ton of cool stuff like walkability indices and livability indices, links to studies and reports and – hopefully – will become an ongoing platform for citizen engagement.

Genesee County Water Supply Program – Phase 3

Executive Summary

The primary goal of the Genesee County Water Supply Program is to provide safe, reliable and redundant water supply capacity and quality to meet countywide water needs and economic opportunities. The Phase 2 project is currently being implemented in order to provide an additional 2.4 MGD of water supply to the Genesee County system in order to address increasing demands and to provide additional supply until larger supply projects can be planned, funded and completed.

Based on current water demand projections, the supply capacity gained from the Phase 2 project water supply capacity will be exceeded by the end of 2023. It is recommended that a Phase 3 project continue to be evaluated and be implemented as soon as is practical to avoid a water supply deficit. There is an immediate urgency to advance this additional supply phase in order for Genesee County to avoid water restrictions or denial of the formation of new water districts.

A longstanding goal of the countywide water program has been to consolidate the county water systems under one regional operator with water supply coming from the Great Lakes via the Monroe County Water Authority rather than from the threatened and limited water sources within the county. The City of Batavia Water Treatment Plant has long been the source of most of the water for Genesee County, but this facility is over 100 years old, threatened by both surface water and groundwater contamination and it is very limited in its ability to produce more water to meet the county's rapidly increasing demand. The additional supply of 7.6 MGD gained from Phase 3 would allow for closure of the City WTP and still provide surplus water for system expansion and economic development throughout the County.

Phase 3 generally consists of the construction of new major water transmission mains and pump stations through both Genesee County and neighboring Monroe County; all the way back to the MCWA Shoremont Water Treatment Plant on Lake Ontario. Much of this pipeline in Monroe County is through heavily suburban areas and the expected costs are very high. The total projected cost of Phase 3 is over \$70 million. Genesee County thus far has been able to fund the current Phase 2 projects with user fees on water customers, but even with a "Water pays for water" strategy, the expected burden is difficult to bear.

Attached are maps of projected Phase 3 upgrades needed within both Genesee and Monroe Counties.



THE STATE OF THE GENESEE COUNTY WATER SUPPLY

CURRENT THREATS

- City of Batavia Water Treatment Plant (WTP), which supplies 50% of the water to County residents, is susceptible to low groundwater conditions caused by drought and surface water contamination by flooding;
- The wellfield that supplies the City of Batavia WTP is threatened by contamination from an abandoned landfill and industrial site. Contaminates include Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFAS) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS);
- Genesee County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years;
- There is no additional water supply to support economic development.

OBJECTIVES

Resiliency

- Replace the aging and jeopardized City of Batavia WTP with a regional supply network;
- Diversify the County's water supplies with multiple Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA) Great Lakes-sourced waters
- Provide public water to rural residents that currently have unreliable, contaminated and unsafe wells.

Capacity

- Increase water supply throughout the County for residential use;
- Provide water for economic development and support key regional industry priority pillars such as food processing and agribusiness.

PHASED WORK

Phase 1

- Regionalized water supply with a 2.5 million gallon per day (MGD) supply from the Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA);
- Completed in 2001 for \$30 million;
- Genesee County took over the City of Batavia WTP and used revenue from operations and a \$0.60 per 1,000-gallon water surcharge on usage to fund Phase 1.

Phase 2

** Original plans for the Genesee County Water Supply Program Phase 2 envisioned a project in 2010 that would have increased water supply from the MCWA to 10 MGD and allowed for the abandonment of the City of Batavia WTP current operations, but global events and economic impacts did not allow for it to be initiated.*

- The new phase 2 is currently under construction for \$23.5 million;
- The phase will supply an additional 2.5 MGD from MCWA sources to stay ahead of growing water demands;
- Funded by an increase of the water surcharge to \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons.

Phase 3

- Need to eliminate water shortages and allow for the repurposing of the vulnerable City of Batavia WTP;
- Current plans and designs will have a target completion date of 2025;
- The estimated cost is currently \$150 million, which is too large to be entirely borne by water users;
- Closing the City of Batavia WTP will involve a Source-Supply Change for the City of Batavia;
- To comply with Lead and Copper Corrosion Rule revisions, the City of Batavia will need to fund \$15 million in lead service removals and meter changes. This cost is in addition to the \$135-\$150 million needed to bring enough water to Genesee County to allow for the abandonment of the water plant;
- Without a Phase 3 project, Genesee County will continue to experience water shortages during peak summer months, weaken residents' quality of life, and cannot market itself for economic development.

For more information:

Timothy J. Hens, P.E.

Superintendent, Genesee County Highway Department

Genesee County Water Supply Project

PHASE 3

\$135,000,000

WITH A TOTAL OF **\$166 MILLION** REMAINING FOR **PHASE 3 AND PHASE 4**. GENESSEE COUNTY IS DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR SOURCES OF FUNDING TO COMPLETE THIS **CRUCIAL PROJECT**. **THIS ENORMOUS PRICE TAG DWARFS THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES OF GENESSEE COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS.**

PHASE 4

\$31,000,000



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Challenge 1

Aging WTP Facility

The Batavia WTP has been in service since 1917 and has been slowly declining in efficiency and capacity. Many critical components are at risk of failing, causing a plant shutdown and extreme water shortages in the county at any moment.

Challenge 2

Unpredictable Water Source

The Batavia WTP is supplied by two groundwater wells in proximity to contaminated soil, as well as an aquifer with unstable water levels. Heavy rain and runoff generates enough turbidity in the Tonawanda Creek to delay any water filtration and lose further capacity.

Challenge 3

Large Usage Spike

Resulting from great partnerships with local food processors such as HP Hood and Oatka Milk, Genesee County has seen a large jump in demand for water over previous projections. Dairy farms have also benefited greatly by abandoning their wells and tapping into the water system.

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Complete Phase 2

Finish modifications to existing pump stations in Phase 2

Phase 3

Begin Phase 3 construction

Complete Phase 3

Provide an additional 7.6 MGD through the Shoremont WTP connection (net gain of approx. 3 MGD with the closing of Batavia WTP)

Batavia WTP

Convert the City of Batavia WTP to a booster pump station site

Webster WTP

Gain an additional 6.0 MGD through the Webster WTP connection



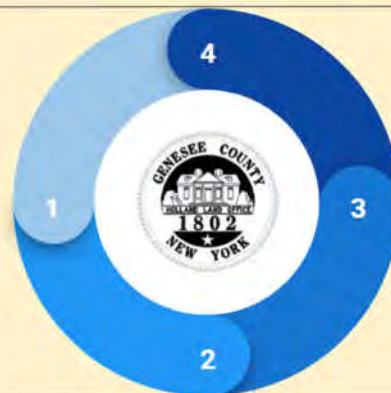
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Resilience

Eliminate the dependence on erratic water quality and water capacity concerns at the Batavia WTP.

Equity

MCWA will provide safe and reliable water to a known distressed community exposed to threatened water sources and lead service lines.



Economic Development

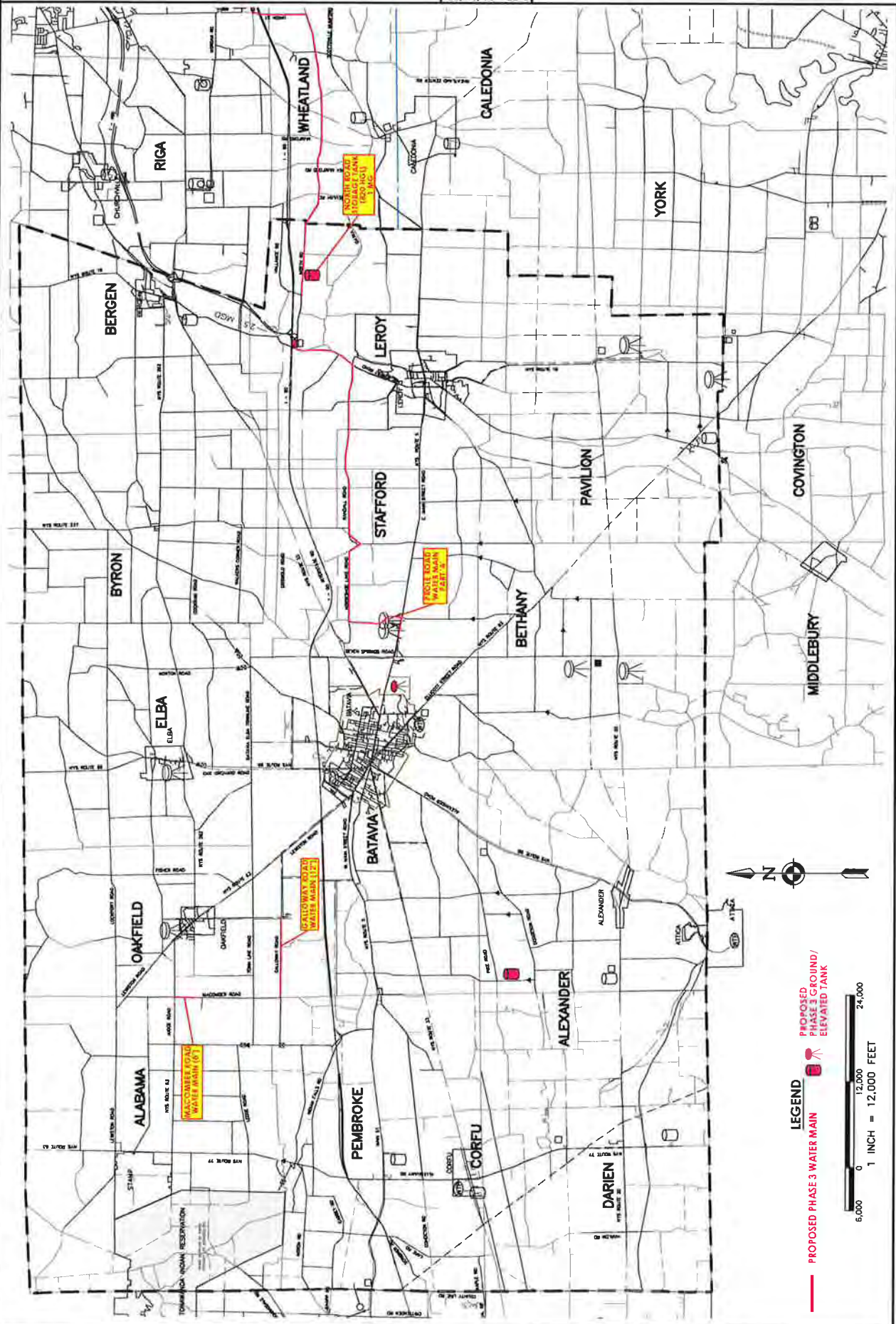
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Attract industry leaders to make significant financial investments into a growing and stable infrastructure within Genesee County.

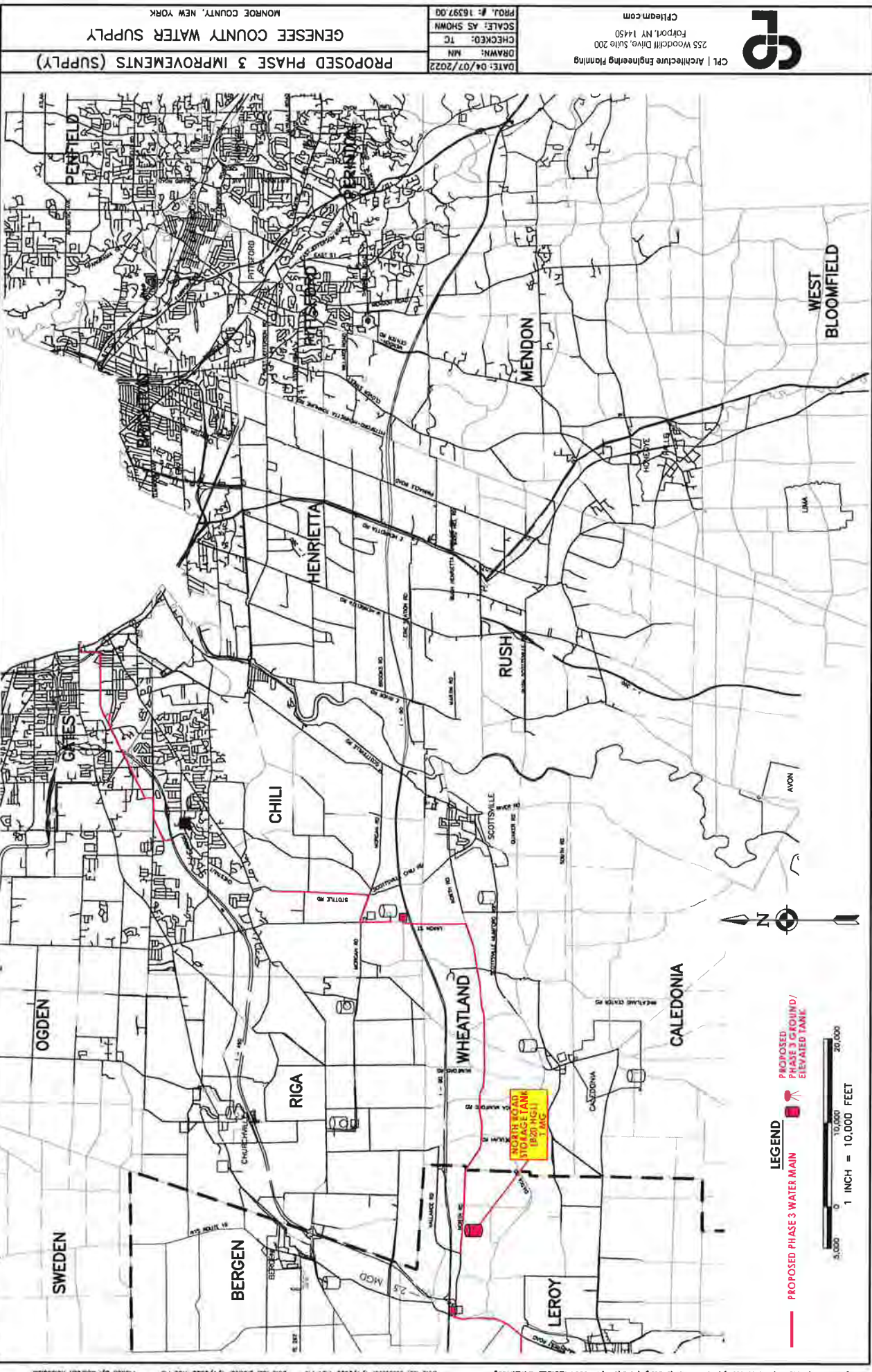
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- Leader in food processing and Agri-business



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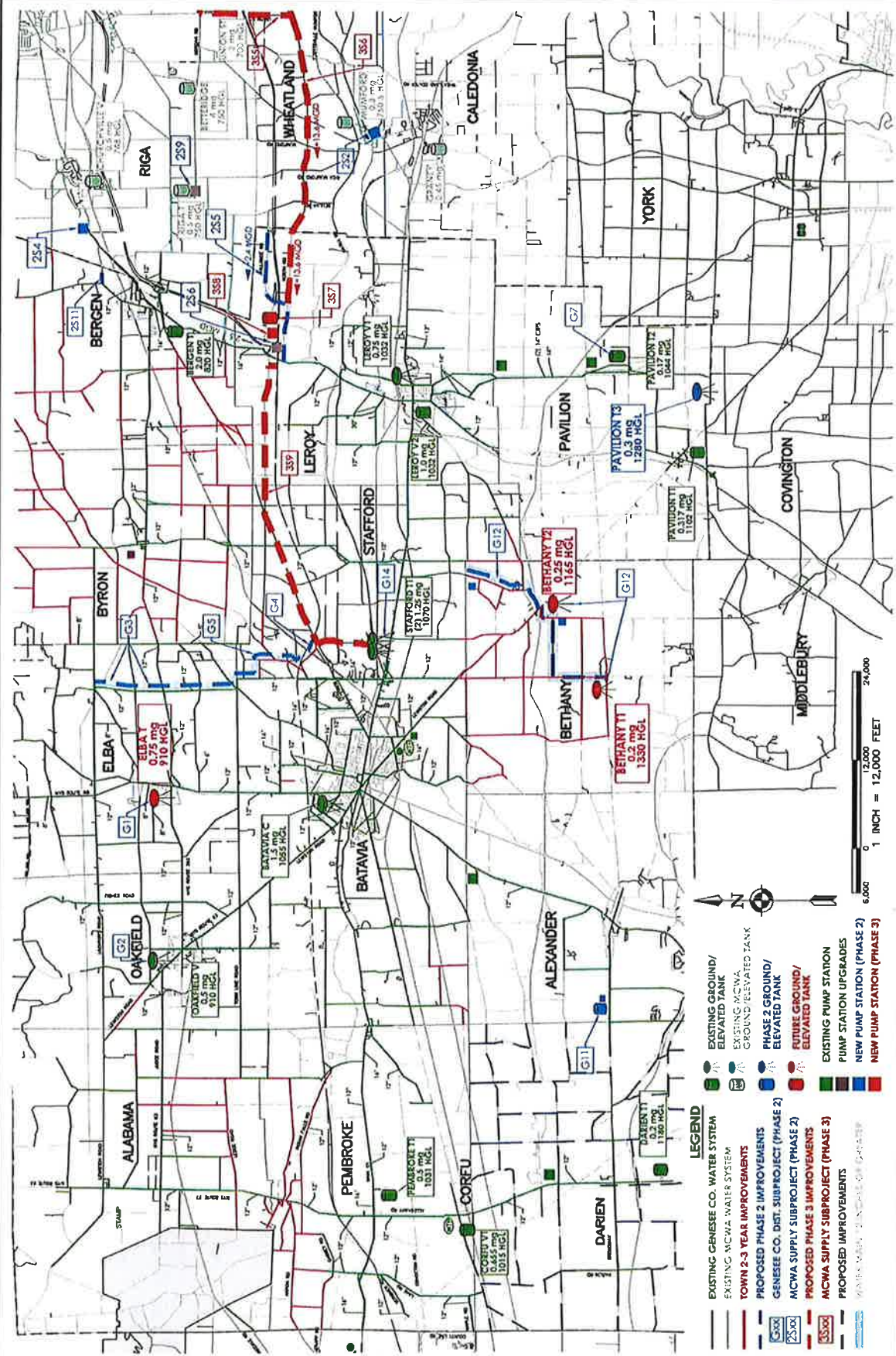
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County turning to Jacobs for help in funding water projects

WATER PROJECT: Genesee leaders ask congressman for any funding he can get

By BRIAN QUINN

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Feb 24, 2022



Mark Gutman/Daily News Congressman Chris Jacobs arrived at the Old County Courthouse on Wednesday to meet with the Genesee County Legislature Committee of the Whole. Before the meeting he spoke with Legislature Chairwoman Rochelle Stein.

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February 24, 2022 - 9:49pm

'We can't manage it on our own.' Legislators ask Jacobs for countywide water assistance

posted by Mike Pettinella in [news](#), [Chris Jacobs](#), [water](#), [NY-27](#).

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Rep Chris Jacobs NY27 meets with Genesee ...



Genesee County legislators on Wednesday afternoon – in the clearest of terms – asked Congressman Chris Jacobs for his help in finding federal money to assist the municipality with its multimillion dollar Countywide Water Project.

Legislature Chair Rochelle Stein set the tone for the roundtable discussion at the Old County Courthouse by emphasizing that residents' quality of life and the county's economic development hinge upon the amount of water flowing into the City of Batavia and Genesee's towns and villages.

The purpose of the meeting – it lasted about 50 minutes -- was to educate Jacobs on the details of the water project, which is nearing the end of Phase 2 of a planned four-phase initiative.

County Engineer Tim Hens said the cost of the project is staggering -- \$20 million for Phase 1, \$23 million for Phase 2 (which will bring in another 2.4 million gallons per day), \$85 million for Phase 3 (another 6 million gallons per day and the elimination of the aging City water plant) and an estimated \$50 to \$60 million for Phase 4.

"We're at a point now where we can't manage it on our own," said Stein, asking Jacobs and his staff to explore all options through the network of federal agencies.

County Manager Matt Landers said the county "is on the same trajectory with the same issues and the same concerns," referring to having to impose water restrictions at peak summer times and delays in completing Phase 2 due to COVID-19.

He said the bulk of the water generated by Phase 2 is "largely spoken of for other developments, expected growth and other water districts (including the Town of Bethany) coming on line."

"So, we're going to be chasing our tail; we're in the same position for the next five or six years until Phase 3 comes on board," he said, adding that Phase 3 is at the design stage. "Phase 3 brings us extra water, but it really doesn't put us in position for the next generation ..."

Landers said the county has taken steps to attract funding -- enlisting a lobbying firm, hiring grant writers and using its resources (such as \$8 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding) -- but is in need of outside help to avoid placing the burden on taxpayers.

He said that breaking Phase 3 into a couple dozen smaller projects, such as individual pump stations or towers at \$2.5 million, for example, could be the best way to present it to funding entities such as the United States Department of Agriculture or the Environmental Protection Agency.

Hens said the county estimated, in 1998, a 40-year forecast of needing 10 million gallons per day, but it already has hit that amount. Now, they're looking at 21.5 million gallons a day for Phase 3 and Phase 4.

"The growth of the water system has far exceeded our expectations for not only residential demand," Hens said, but also for dairy farmers, who comprise the county's largest industry. "Cows drink probably eight times what the average human consumes in a day, so the usage on farms is pretty high."

He also said the water project has fostered the expansion of the county's food processing industry, mentioning HP Hood (that uses a million gallons per day) and O-At-Ka Milk Products.

Stein, noting that the Tonawanda Creek is an "environmentally-threatened water source," wondered out loud whether there is an environmental bill coming out where funding for public water could be allocated. She also asked if some sort of "social justice" funding was available in light of the amount of low- to moderate-income citizens in the city and county.

While Genesee County is proud of its dairy and food processing industry, Stein said it lost an opportunity to attract the Great Lakes cheese plant in Le Roy because of limited access to water.

"We don't want to be in that situation forever," she said. "... seeking those federal dollars is really important to us. Our conversation is meaningful ... and you're going to talk about that when you're in Washington."

Jacobs said he and his staff would "scour departments within Washington, D.C., to find good fits for opportunities for this very important project."

He said that water and broadband (internet) are "common needs" throughout his Congressional district that he continues to advocate for. The Republican said that as a member of the House Agriculture Committee he is learning about the problems facing rural communities and "hopefully, we'll be in the majority next year and I will be in a better position to advocate as well."

Derek Judd, who serves as Jacobs' legislative director, said by video that low cost, long-term financing for water infrastructure is in the works but advised legislators to be prepared for a long timeline when it comes to Congress-supported community project funding projects.

Landers said Jacobs "should be proud" of the fact that Genesee County has developed a regional water supply in conjunction with the Monroe and Erie county water authorities and (with Niagara County in the future at the WNY STAMP site in the Town of Alabama).

Both Stein and Landers pointed out the "partnership" the county has with the city, towns and villages, and hoped that Jacobs would communicate their message to his colleagues at the nation's capital.

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December 30, 2021 - 12:01pm

Town of Bethany announces funding for water district

posted by Press Release in [Bethany](#), [news](#), [infrastructure](#), [water](#).

Press release from Carl Hyde, Jr, Bethany Town Supervisor:

The NY State Comptroller has given his consent to the Bethany Water District # 5, which is a \$ 16,680,000 project funded by USDA thru Rural Development. The Town of Bethany will proceed with David DiMatteo the Towns attorney and Clark - Patterson Lee the Towns engineering firm to move this project to reality.

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October 14, 2021 - 7:32pm

Public Meeting Notice - Genesee County Water System Hookup Administrative Review Committee

posted by Legal Notices in [water](#).

Event Date and Time: October 20, 2021 - 9:00am to 10:00am

Please note that the Genesee County Water System Hookup Administrative Review Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the Large Conference Room of County Building 2, 3837 West Main Street Rd., Batavia, NY 14020 to review three water hookup authorization requests in the Towns of LeRoy, Byron, and Elba. Agenda and meeting materials are available upon request from Erin Pence, Deputy Director of Planning at Erin.Pence@co.genesee.ny.us or (585) 815-7901.

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June 25, 2021 - 5:54pm

Hot weekend coming, water conservation urged

posted by Howard B. Owens in [water](#), [news](#).

Press release from Tim Hens, County Highway Superintendent:

Heading into the weekend, it looks like a few days of 90° weather are forecasted for our area. It has been abnormally dry and this combo is exactly what causes water usage to spike. The County is continuing to urge all residents connected to the public water supply system to make small changes to conserve water usage. Please avoid watering lawns, washing vehicles and any unnecessary water usage. If you need to water a garden, please do so at night. Small changes at the residential level add up quickly.

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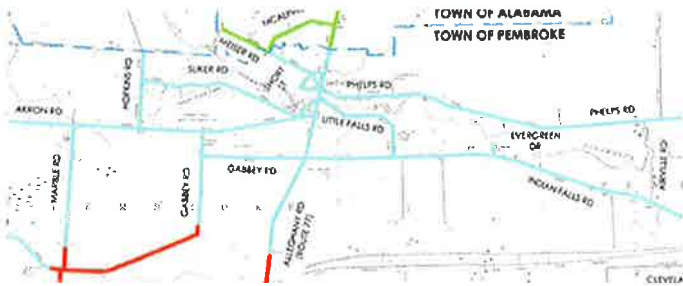
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April 20, 2021 - 3:06pm

USDA offers Town of Pembroke a bigger grant, lower interest rate to form fourth water district

posted by Howard B. Owens in [pembroke](#), [water](#), [infrastructure](#), [news](#), [notify](#).



The Town of Pembroke is wasting no time in accepting a grant and low-interest loan from USDA's Rural Development division because it is such a good deal.

"I've been doing this for many years," said Tom Carpenter, an engineer with Clark Patterson Lee. "This is the best funding package I've ever seen from Rural Development. We were requesting about a \$2.3 million grant and I forget the interest rate when we were requesting this but it might have been 2 or just over 2 percent. They came back with a grant of \$3.7 million and an interest rate of 1.25, that is the best I've ever seen."

The bigger grant and lower interest rate will save property owners in the proposed Water District #4 (see map above) about \$90 a year from the original estimate.

At the town board's meeting last week, the board voted to accept the package from USDA and contract with Clark Patterson Lee for services associated with getting the water service designed and built.

Typically, there would be a public information meeting about the proposed district but due to COVID-19-restrictions, but Carpenter anticipates newsletters going to residents and business owners in the district along with survey cards to gauge interest in forming the district.

Both Carpenter and Supervisor Thomas Schneider Jr. said they believe there is widespread support for the formation of the district in the community.

Carpenter said at a previous public meeting where he discussed the district, about 120 people turned out (before the pandemic) and only four or five people there opposed the district.

"You usually get people who are very, very for a district or very, very against it," Carpenter said.

There will be a public hearing on formation of the district at a future date.

Schneider said given the positive feedback he's received from residents, he believes the board will be able to approve the formation of the district with a permissive referendum, which would mean the district would move forward unless affected residents or property owners held a successful petition drive placing the proposal on a public ballot. In that case, voters would need to approve formation of the district.

Schneider said the annual cost of the district for a single, occupied dwelling would be \$962 per year. The cost of debt for a residential property that is not developed would be \$466 per year. A vacant lot would pay about half that amount. Agricultural properties are exempt from paying for debt service on a water district.

The total cost of the project would be \$9,050,000, with \$3,744,000 covered by a USDA grant, and the rest by a low-interest loan of \$5,306,000.

"I can easily stand up at a public meeting and say there will never be a better funding package available for this project," Carpenter said.

The project would involve installing 109,000 linear feet of 6-, 8-, and 12-inch diameter water mains and providing for 302 water services.

Carpenter said the best-case scenario is the entire project is completed by the end of 2022.

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July 7, 2020 - 5:51pm

Parts of Town of Batavia experiencing low-water pressure due to high demand

posted by Billie Owens in [water](#), [town of batavia](#), [news](#).

Public Notice

The Town of Batavia will be experiencing low-water pressures in the western and northwestern area of the Town.

Due to high water demands, the County is obtaining water from ECWA/MCWA Pembroke connection. This connection lowers pressures in the Town of Batavia in those areas.

This will continue until further notice. Customers can call (585) 356-4900 if you have further questions.

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May 1, 2020 - 1:02pm

Photos: New water tower under construction in Elba

posted by Howard B. Owens in [water](#), [infrastructure](#), [news](#), [elba](#).



Construction is under way of a new 750,000-gallon water tank in Elba that will serve both the village and the town.

Town Supervisor Donna Hynes said planning for the project began in 2015. In 2016, the Town of Elba received a grant and low-interest loan from USDA Rural Development to fund the project in a single phase. The grant is for \$3,854,000 and the loan was for \$13,658,000.

Hynes said it then took a year to complete SEQRA and all the necessary permits. Project construction began in mid-2018.

The project also includes approximately 248,000 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch water mains serving approximately 500 water users.

Construction should be completed this summer, then painted, and in service by early fall.

Photos: Submitted by a reader last week.



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May 13, 2019 - 3:51pm

Town of Le Roy to benefit from USDA rural water infrastructure program

posted by Billie Owens in [Town of Le Roy](#), [water](#), [infrastructure](#), [USDA](#), [news](#).

Information from the USDA:

The Town of Le Roy is the recipient of an \$89,000 loan and a \$34,000 grant from the USDA's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program to build Water District #11.

According to today's announcement by the USDA, in Washington, D.C., this project will extend public water service to eight residential users in the town who currently do not have safe potable water. The announcement did not specify where Water District #11 to benefit eight households is located.

The investment will eliminate health concerns, lower costs and provide better water quality and quantity as well as fire protection.

Le Roy's project is one of 40 approved in 20 states intended to improve rural water infrastructure. The investments will benefit 111,000 rural Americans, according to USDA.

"These investments will have a far-reaching, positive impact on rural residents, businesses and communities," said Joel Baxley, acting assistant secretary for Rural Development. "Improving water and wastewater infrastructure enhances quality of life, helps support economic development and ensures that rural areas have safe and abundant water supplies."

USDA is investing \$82 million through the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. Rural communities, water districts and other eligible entities can use the funds for drinking water, stormwater drainage and waste disposal systems. The projects must be in rural communities with 10,000 or fewer residents.

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December 17, 2018 - 10:40am

Bethany and Alabama to receive water district funding

posted by Howard B. Owens in [Bethany](#), [Alabama](#), [news](#), [infrastructure](#), [water](#).

Press release:

U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$4,639,000 in federal funding for six water infrastructure improvement projects across the Rochester-Finger Lakes Region. The funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants Program.

Specifically, Schumer and Gillibrand explained, the Town of Alabama in Genesee County will receive: \$1,653,000 to create Water District #2 and the Town of Bethany in Genesee County will receive \$722,000 to create Water District #4.

The Town of Clarendon in Orleans County will receive \$790,000 to create Water District #13 and an additional \$790,000 to improve the water improvement benefit area #12, and the Town of Torrey in Yates County will receive \$684,000 to create Water District 1, the first municipal water system to serve this area.

"These federal investments in job-creating and economy-boosting water infrastructure projects are great news for the Rochester-Finger Lakes region," Schumer said. "This federal funding will allow five towns across the region to construct and make critical improvements to municipal water systems needed to provide clean, safe drinking water to their communities."

"I am proud to announce these federal investments and will continue fighting to ensure rural communities across Upstate New York have the resources they need to build, protect and maintain their water infrastructure."

"All New Yorkers should have access to a reliable source of clean water, and with these grants, communities throughout the Rochester-Finger Lakes region will be able to expand and improve their water systems," Gillibrand said.

"These investments will help provide safe and clean water for residents in the towns of Alabama, Bethany, Clarendon and Torrey, and I will always fight in the Senate for the resources to protect the health and quality of life for residents."

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August 23, 2018 - 12:38pm

Corfu, county may be heading to court in water dispute

posted by Virginia Kropf in [corfu](#), [water](#), [news](#), [notify](#).

It appears the Village of Corfu and Genesee County could soon be embroiled in a legal battle.

Relations between the two governmental bodies began heating up when the village received notice the county wanted to double the rates for water use.

Corfu currently has 22 years left on a 40-year contract it signed with the county, in which Corfu is paying 60 cents per 1,000 gallons of water.

The county says it needs the extra money because it miscalculated how much it would cost to provide water to the entire county, specifically the East Bethany area.

At a special meeting Tuesday night, attended by the village board and legislator Gordon Dibble, Corfu attorney David Saleh read a letter from county attorney Kevin Earl, in which Saleh said the word "negotiate" was glaringly admitted. Earl wrote that the deadline of Aug. 27 is fast approaching for design, bid specs, bond counsel and financing for debt commitments and cannot be delayed any longer by lack of a signed Corfu document.

He said 13 of the municipalities in the county have already signed the agreement.

If Corfu does not agree to the increase, the county has threatened to reduce the village's sales tax allocation by the amount the increase would bring in.

For instance, in 2017, the actual voluntary sales tax allocation was \$180,410 and the 2017 total Village of Corfu water consumption was 12,812,000 gallons.

The difference in the surcharge rate between \$0.60/1,000 gallons and \$1.20/1,000 gallons is \$7,687.20, meaning Corfu's sales tax allocation would be reduced by that amount – to \$172,723.27.

This is money which would have to be made up by increasing taxes, said Mayor Joe Johnson.

Johnson is concerned over wording he found in the county's contract, which he interprets as allowing the county to triple the rate.

"There's no cap," said village Trustee Tom Sargent. "It's \$1.20 today and in two years, what's to stop them from increasing it again?"

One resident who attended Tuesday night's meeting was Matt Steinberg, who called himself "one angry Corfu taxpayer."

"If the county is going to put us over a barrel like this, they are going to earn it," he said. "We have zero interest in funding someone's water system way out yonder, and I for one am in favor of the village spending the money it needs for litigation."

Steinberg said he would encourage every resident in Corfu to stop shopping or doing business in Genesee County if the county withholds money from their sales tax allocation.

Trustee Al Graham displayed a map of the county showing proposed improvements in red. He said there is no red in Corfu.

"We have paid for our system," he said.

"When the county says it wants to renegotiate things in the contract that isn't beneficial to them, that's not fair to us," Saleh said.

Corfu previously had its own water system, and when they signed the agreement with the county in 2002, the village was pumping 75,000 gallons of water per day. Now that the county is using Corfu's system, they are putting 185,000 gallons through the village system a day.

Currently, neither Genesee County or the Monroe County Water Authority are paying anything for using Corfu's lines. Graham said when the agreement was signed 18 years ago, the county was supposed to shut Corfu's water plant down, but they are still using it.

Johnson said what the county is doing is extortion.

"They are taking a contract we signed which is good for our residents and forcing one on us which is bad," Johnson said.

Graham alluded to the letter from the county which he says gives Corfu two options – sign the new contract or have your sales tax taken away.

"There is a third option," Graham said. "Keep the signed contract we have. We do not want to fight with the county, but I don't see how they think they can do this. We are elected to serve the people, and at our second public hearing, 100 percent of the residents there said, 'Don't sign.' We'd be derelict if we didn't listen to them."

Graham said Corfu is being bullied by the county, and it is very frustrating.

"We are trying to be reasonable, but they are ignoring our requests to negotiate," he said.

Corfu will schedule one more public hearing before proceeding with its lawsuit.

CORRECTION: A statement by Mayor Joe Johnson was misreported. In his actual statement, encouraged Corfu residents to stop shopping in Genesee County, not Corfu, if the County withholds sales tax residents. The correction was made in the story. Our apologies to Mayor Johnson.

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July 16, 2018 - 5:32pm

County officials address issues raised at Corfu meeting on water

posted by Virginia Kropf in [corfu](#), [news](#), [water](#), [infrastructure](#).

Genesee County Manager Jay Gsell and Legislator Gordon Dibble have responded to the public hearing held July 9 by the Village of Corfu to address the county's proposal to double the charge for municipal water.

Corfu officials had hoped someone from the county would attend the hearing to address residents' concerns about the proposed increase.

However, no county representative was present at the meeting because they were not notified until the day before, Gsell said in an e-mail to *The Batavian*.

Apparently, Corfu Trustee Al Graham contacted Dibble about 1 p.m. Sunday to inquire if he had received any notice of Monday's hearing. Dibble replied that he had not.

"It was too late at that point because we want to get all the people there who have the right answers," Dibble said in a phone call today.

Gsell said they last met with the Village of Corfu officials in June and agreed to come to another village meeting with appropriate notice.

Currently, the county and village of Corfu are trying to agree on a date when all parties can attend.

Gsell has also shared a letter sent to Genesee County's attorney by Corfu attorneys David Saleh and John Whiting with the Whiting Law Firm after the June meeting. The letter, dated July 5, which was also forwarded to MCWA, says claims were made by Corfu that the county and MCWA were ignoring the village in regard to municipal water, although Corfu has been a retail customer of the MCWA since 2001.

The MCWA told Corfu Mayor Joe Johnson the letter had been forwarded to them and it contained statements that the Village of Corfu had concerns with the services provided by MCWA's operation and maintenance of the water system.

Several statements made by Corfu in the letter indicate the existing water system that provides water to thousands of county residents, including the residents of the village, is facing many challenges, including a crisis in maintenance of the existing water lines and other facilities.

The village wrote that the water lines running through the village are nearly 100 years old and needed attention even when these agreements were signed nearly 22 years ago.

"It was expected that efforts would be made to replace existing lines that have been subject to compromising breaks on a regular basis. In that near 20-year period, the existing lines haven't been properly addressed and the problem is only worse," the letter said.

Finally, the village wrote, "The Water Authority is struggling with maintenance, and the county needs to get involved to help find a solution."

The MCWA's Executive Director Nicholas Noce responded that this secondhand notice was the first they had heard about the Village of Corfu's concerns.

Noce said the Village of Corfu water system was functional at the time the Water Authority and the village entered into an agreement.

He also said MCWA disagrees with the statements about struggling with maintenance and not properly addressing the system.

"This should be recognized by the nearly \$2 million invested in the portion of the county's water system in the Village of Corfu," Noce said.

He said while there have been water main breaks in the village, those mains do not rank high enough for replacement at this time.

"Typically, age is not a criteria for water main replacement," Noce said. "Water mains can break for several reasons, such as shifting of the ground during freeze-thaw cycles, pressure changes, casting flaws with material, or from corrosion."

Noce said the Water Authority has a long-standing main rehabilitation program that has proven to be very effective. When compared to other water utilities across the nation through the benchmarking studies prepared by the American Water Works Association, the MCWA ranks in the national top quartile for the least number of water main breaks per 100 miles of water main.

Noce also said his organization would gladly come out to Corfu or have further discussions with the village to answer any questions about their programs. He said they have no record of receiving any direct contacts from Corfu with the above concerns.

He also reiterated the fact that since the Water Authority and the Village of Corfu entered into the retail lease agreement, the Water Authority has invested \$1.95 million into the portion of the Water Authority's system which is within the village. That investment, Noce said, paid to replace or clean and cement mortar line on approximately 48 percent of the water mains in the village; replace 70 percent of the hydrants; it rehabilitated the water storage tank; and replaced the roof on the water treatment plant (to name a few).

"If the village stayed in the water business, the village water system would have had to fund the \$1.95 million of improvement and spread that cost over just 285 water customers in the village," Noce said.

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February 2, 2018 - 1:26pm

New water system for Village of Alexander will improve service and reduce service disruptions and potential contaminates

posted by Howard B. Owens in [infrastructure](#), [water](#), [news](#), [alexander](#).

At \$197 per user per year, the price Village of Alexander residents would be asked to pay for a new water system seemed quite a bargain to at least one person who attended an information session at the Alexander Fire Hall on Thursday night.

"When I compare this to my cable bill, and water is an essential of life and cable isn't, this is cheaper than my cable bill," said Dawn Townsend at the end of the hour-long meeting.

Consultants Steve Mountain and Jeff Smith laid out for the residents the engineering and financing of the project and then answered questions.

The goal of the project is to replace an aging and break-prone water system that is also susceptible to spreading contaminated water, with all new water lines from the water source in Attica to and around the Village.

In all, 30,000 feet of water main would be replaced with new eight-inch and 12-inch PVC pipe. The Village would also receive new fire hydrants, a new pump station, and new water meters at each residence.

As a result, asbestos would be eliminated from the system and the potential for lead contamination would be eliminated. Water quality would likely improve and residents -- and fire hydrants -- would receive increased water pressure.

The total cost of the project is an estimated at \$3.97 million. While that's an estimate contingent on final plans being drawn up, Mountain said he feels comfortable with the estimate based on what he's observed with the Village of Elba recently undertaking a similar project.

Village officials have identified a water infrastructure grant that would cover \$2,382,000 -- or 60 percent -- of the cost.

The Village would borrow \$1,588,000 through a program that would reduce the interest rate by a third, making it approximately 2.26 percent over the 30-year life of the loan.

The annual debt service per water customer then would be \$197 each.

Without the grant and without the low-interest loan, the cost would have been \$568 per user per year.

While the Health Department has put the Village on notice about low levels of contamination, particularly for haloacetic acids (HAA), a byproduct of the water cleaning process, concentrations are low enough that there is no health threat.

The new pipes wouldn't trap HAA the way metal pipes do currently, thereby reducing the amount of the chemical in the water system.

The other benefit for residents is that the new system and new hydrants should help improve the insurance service rating, which should mean lower insurance premiums for homeowners.

"We're going to make sure everything we do increases this rating as high as we can," Mountain said.

Smith said Village officials will continue to pursue grants that may come available to help reduce the per-user cost further.

There was a water main break in the Village awhile back that cost \$200,000 to repair. In that case, an emergency grant helped cover the repair cost, but Smith said Village residents can't always count on those kinds of funds being available to cover future breaks.

The new system should have a practical useful life of 80 to 100 years.

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May 31, 2017 - 1:17pm

Sales tax share agreement slated for extension while new agreement finalized

posted by Howard B. Owens in [batavia](#), [sales tax](#), [water](#), [news](#).

City and county officials are largely in agreement on how sales tax should be distributed among the various local governments that have been part of a sharing agreement for nearly two decades, City Manager Jason Molino said last night.

The current agreement is about to expire and there are still details to be worked out, however, plus time is needed to draft new legal agreements before elected officials can approve a new plan, so the City Council is being asked to approve a temporary extension to the current agreement.

The County Legislature will also need to approve a temporary extension.

There is a working group of top managers with city and county working on the details, not only of the sales tax sharing agreement but also agreements dealing with water distribution and use of the city's wastewater treatment facility. The deals have previously been interconnected because of the mutual interest of all parties cooperating on these initiatives, Molino said.

"It is in everybody's self-interest to have an agreed upon agreement in place for sales tax distribution," Molino said. "No one benefits from these agreements going away. There is a form and fashion they have to take with new terms and conditions, but it's in everyone's best interest to work out a distribution that is equal and fair to everyone."

Currently, there is an 8 percent sales tax in Genesee County. Of that, 4 percent is mandated by the state and so the money goes to the state. The county keeps 2 percent; of the remaining 2 percent, the city gets about 1/3 of it and the other 2/3 is divided among the county's town and village governments.

The city's share comes to about \$6 million annually.

Work on a new agreement started in the fall. The temporary extension, once approved by both City and County, will keep it in place through December 2018.

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August 4, 2016 - 1:13pm

Genesee County in drought warning, but local water supply remains sufficient

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There isn't much water flowing in the Tonawanda Creek, but the blue heron are still there hunting for meals.

Genesee County, like the rest of Western New York, is officially in a drought warning, according to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

That means there are no official restrictions on water use, but residents and businesses are asked to voluntarily conserve.

Tim Hens, whose responsibilities include, as county highway superintendent, watching over the county's water supply, said the county and city discussed issuing a water advisory, but decided that doesn't appear to be necessary and probably won't be necessary through the summer, even if no significant rain arrives before winter.

"We haven't had more than an inch of rain in a single day since October of last year," Hens said. "That's a long time for Western New York."

He said this is the driest summer with the most consecutive sunny days he can remember in 45 years as a county resident.

"Unfortunately, we're probably already past the point of no return for farmers," he said.

Hens said current reserves and the available water from the Monroe County Water Authority gives the county, and by extension, the city, enough water to meet current needs and he doesn't anticipate a spike in demand.

"Most people seem to have given up on their lawns," he said.

The low water level at DeWitt Recreation Area has created a wide land bridge to the lake's island. The land bridge has been exposed all summer and the first time it's appeared in several years. The current level is just 3 inches above the record low, a record set in 2001.

The long-range forecast calls for a pretty snowy winter.



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Blasting zone along Bank Street Road is for new water main construction

posted by Howard B. Owens in [Bataiva](#), [water](#), [infrastructure](#).

June 30, 2015 - 11:53am



Driving along Bank Street Road, you might notice "Blasting Zone Ahead" signs.

Workers are removing bedrock to create a channel for the Town of Batavia's new water main being installed along Bank Street Road and Batavia Elba Townline Road.

You can find out more about [the project on the Town of Batavia's Web site](#).

The town is installing 26 miles of water main this summer, according to Tom Lichtenthal, assistant engineer for the town.

Lichtenthal said there is bedrock along the pipeline's path that is from one foot to three or four feet below the surface. The channel for the pipe needs to be six feet deep and about three feet wide.

The blasts, Lichtenthal said, really aren't too severe. An observer wouldn't see much happening above ground and residents might feel a slight vibration.

Blasting is expected to take place along the two roadways for at least a month, perhaps longer.

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March 21, 2014 - 10:47am

Health Department: 15 of 31 wells tested positive for bacteria and E. coli

posted by Howard B. Owens in [batavia](#), [Oakfield](#), [health](#), [water](#).

Press release:

Since the initiation of the Boil Water Advisory (BWA) one week ago 31 private drinking water wells have been tested, with 15 confirmed to have bacteriological contamination of coliform bacteria and E. coli. Residents who have had their water tested and confirmed positive have been notified at this time.

These organisms can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants and people with compromised immune systems. Residents in this area who are experiencing these symptoms should contact their medical provider.

The Genesee County Health Department continues to assist the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) with their investigation to determine the exact origin and extent of the contamination.

Residents near Batavia-Oakfield Townline Road east of Rt 63 and Lewiston Road south of Batavia-Oakfield Townline Road are urged to continue following the instructions below until their water can be confirmed safe to drink.

Instructions: Boil (rolling boil for one minute) tap water or use bottled water for drinking and cooking. If well water quality changes as noticed by color and/or smell, immediately stop using it for all household uses other than flushing toilets.

For additional information about a Boil Water Advisory (BWA) and how to stay safe during one, visit: <http://www.readygenesee.com/BoilWaterAdvisory.pdf>.

For additional information on coliform bacteria please visit:

http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/docs/coliform_bacteria.pdf

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March 19, 2014 - 11:57am

Several wells in Batavia-Oakfield, Lewiston Road area test positive for bacteria

posted by Howard B. Owens in [batavia](#), [Oakfield](#), [environment](#), [water](#).

Press release:

Several of the initial water samples collected this week from private drinking water wells located near Batavia-Oakfield Townline Road -- east of Route 63, and Lewiston Road south of Batavia-Oakfield Townline Road -- have confirmed bacteriological contamination of coliform bacteria and E. coli. Residents who had their water tested and confirmed positive have been notified at this time. These organisms can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants and people with compromised immune systems. Residents in this area who are experiencing these symptoms should contact their medical provider.

Although the contamination has been confirmed, the exact origin and extent cannot be determined without further analysis, the Genesee County Health Department will assist the Department of Environmental Conservation in this process in the near future.

Impacted residents are urged to continue to follow the instructions below until their water can be confirmed safe to drink. With the extent of the contamination unknown at this time, re-occurrence of contamination is possible.

If you are living in the identified area and would like your well water tested, please contact the Genesee County Health Department at (585) 344-2580, ext. 5525. There is no charge for this testing.

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Photos: Oakfield's new water tower rising 165 feet into the sky

posted by Howard B. Owens in [Oakfield](#), [water](#), [infrastructure](#).



Construction is well under way for the new \$1.65-million water tower in Oakfield and if all goes to plan, it could be in use by this fall.

Every day there are from five to seven welders on the job constructing the 165-foot, 10-inch tower. The sections are pre-fab and then welded together on site. It took one day to raise the center column, two weeks to build the bottom half of the tank top.

The tower now acts as it's own crane to haul workers and material to the top.

Workers will begin installing the next sections of the top of the tower on Monday.

Clark Patterson Lee out of Rochester handled the design and engineering. Caldwell Industrial out of Louisville, Ky., is the construction contractor.

The pedisphere-design tank will hold 500,000 gallons of water once completed.











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City's water quality report now available

posted by Howard B. Owens in [batavia](#), [water](#), [Water Quality](#).

Press release:

The City of Batavia Annual Water Quality Report for 2012 has been completed and may be viewed online at: <http://www.batavianewyork.com/documents/2012WaterReport.pdf>. This report contains information as to how your drinking water is produced, testing results, and other general information relating to the public water supply. Paper copies of this report are also available at City Hall.

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