



## Historic Town of Hyde Park

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**Aileen Rohr, Town Supervisor**

*"Working with you for a better Hyde Park"*

April 12, 2019

Dear Property Owner:

I am writing to provide an update on the schedule for the adoption of the Route 9 Sewer District.

We have made tremendous progress. We have established a plan for a viable, state of the art wastewater treatment system including collection system and treatment plant, performed the testing and surveying to establish the district and most importantly engaged you as property owners, and the greater Hyde Park community, in the largest capital improvement project the Town has undertaken.

During this critical time, the Town Board, Town Engineer and I have been meeting with individual property owners to gather feedback on the project, refine the boundaries of the district and ascertain details on current water usage. All of these factors influence the per parcel cost. This is part of our due diligence in assuring we bring the best project we can to the voters within the district. It will ultimately be up to each of you to vote at a referendum to make the decision on the benefits to you and our community.

We have had a variety of feedback, including very positive responses from property owners facing current hardship because of their lack of sewage treatment. We have had feedback from others who, while they support the project, are concerned about the costs of the project while they are developing plans for a higher and better use, as well as feedback from others that they would not support the project unless they received the benefit for no cost.

Because of this feedback, we have decided to slow down the adoption process to pursue additional grant funding. To review:

Current projected cost	\$18,000,000
Grants obtained by Town Board.	5,000,000
Projected borrowing without additional funding	\$13,000,000

During this process, we have continued to search for additional grant funding to reduce the amount that will be borrowed for construction of the system (\$13,000,000). We

have identified a federal grant program that could provide up to \$3,000,000, which we are currently applying for. Additionally, we will be reaching out to all our Federal, State and County elected officials to ask them to pursue all funding sources available to assist us in making this district affordable for the property owners and to allow our community to realize its potential.

We will be asking for your assistance in this process by asking for you to reach out to our elected officials to inform them of your need for their support of this project.

We will also be keeping you informed of our progress and a new schedule for adoption.

We appreciate your patience, your engagement and your investment in Hyde Park and, together, we will continue to work hard to bring to fruition this long anticipated project.

Sincerely,

Aileen Rohr  
Town of Hyde Park Supervisor

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