SCOTTS CORNERS DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENTS

HISTORY

Problem:

- Contamination found in Scotts Corners drinking water is a potential risk to public health.
- Until recently, known contamination included methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) and Tetrachloroethylene (PCE), which were assumed to be from petroleum spills.
- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have recently been found at levels exceeding health-based standards in large commercial properties that are regulated by the State and County.
- An income survey found that low median household income makes affordability difficult.

Need:

- Ensure safe drinking water in the business district.
- Safe water protects business district vitality and public health.
- Without a public solution, landowners must install and maintain their own treatment systems.
- Small properties may be similarly impacted now or in the future since they share the same groundwater resource as the large properties with contaminated wells.
- Project affordability is critical to minimize impacts to low-income residents.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Solution

- Construct a \$10.81M water main to bring clean drinking water to Scotts Corners from Aquarion Water Company.
- The main would start at Aquarion system near the Pound Ridge Golf Course.
- Operation and maintenance costs would be minimal since Aquarion water is treated and sufficiently pressurized. Booster pumps will not be required.
- Some chlorination may be needed, and associated costs are included in the project budget.
- Aquarion is required to meet federal requirements, and Scotts Corners water will be treated to remove PFAS

Cost

- Borrow up to \$3.34 million using State financing intended to help low-income residents.
- At least \$7.567 million of grant funding is needed.
- Additional grant funding will be pursued for affordability.
- Properties will be charged based on occupancy and water usage (EDU basis)*.

Annual User Cost Summary

Single Family Home (1 EDU)	\$856.07*
Average Property (7 EDUs)	\$5,992.00*
Median Property (5 EDUs)	\$4,280.00*
Mode Property (2 EDUs)	\$1,702.00*

*Usage over 110 gallons per day per EDU will cost \$3.34 per 1,000 gallons.

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