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Subject: A Critical Vote for Our Community's Future – Scotts Corners Water District

Dear Property Owner,

Earlier this year, I reached out to inform you and all Pound Ridge property owners about the presence of synthetic chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in groundwater throughout Scotts Corners and other areas in town. After a thorough assessment conducted by the town's water quality engineer, and consultation with the Town's Water Wastewater Task Force, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health, we determined that a community-wide remediation approach—piping in fresh water from Stamford—is the most cost-effective and sustainable solution. This strategy offers a far better outcome than leaving each property owner to manage this complex issue of remediation alone.

While you may not currently be required to test or remediate PFAS, this could soon change as new legislation and regulations come into effect. PFAS contamination has been confirmed throughout the district, extending from the Fire Department to The Market. The recent reduction in the acceptable PFAS levels by the EPA increases the likelihood that properties considered public water sources may face stricter testing and remediation mandates.

I am making a direct and urgent appeal for you to vote in favor of forming the proposed Scotts Corners Water District on *Thursday, October 24th*. This district will only be established if the majority of property owners vote "**YES**" and the Town successfully secures a state grant covering 70% of construction costs. However, our efforts do not end there—we are actively pursuing additional federal funding to further reduce costs for property owners.

To support your decision-making, I am providing a Summary Description of the Water District, a Frequently Asked Questions document, and the estimated costs per property based on the 70% grant scenario. Enclosed, you will also find a QR code linking to the detailed Water District Map, Plan, and Report on the town's website, where you can find answers to any specific questions. Also enclosed is a letter from Erin Trostle, our Town Clerk, outlining the voting procedures for this special election.

The outcome of this vote is critical to the future of Scotts Corners and our wider community. It will significantly shape the quality of our drinking water and the economic resilience and sustainability of the area. I, along with our water quality engineer and members of the Town's Water Wastewater Task Force, am available to address any questions you may have. This vote is about securing a healthier, safer, and more prosperous future for all of us. I strongly urge you to consider the benefits of a collective solution and to support the formation of the water district.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Hansan
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