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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

Supervisor

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 the 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*

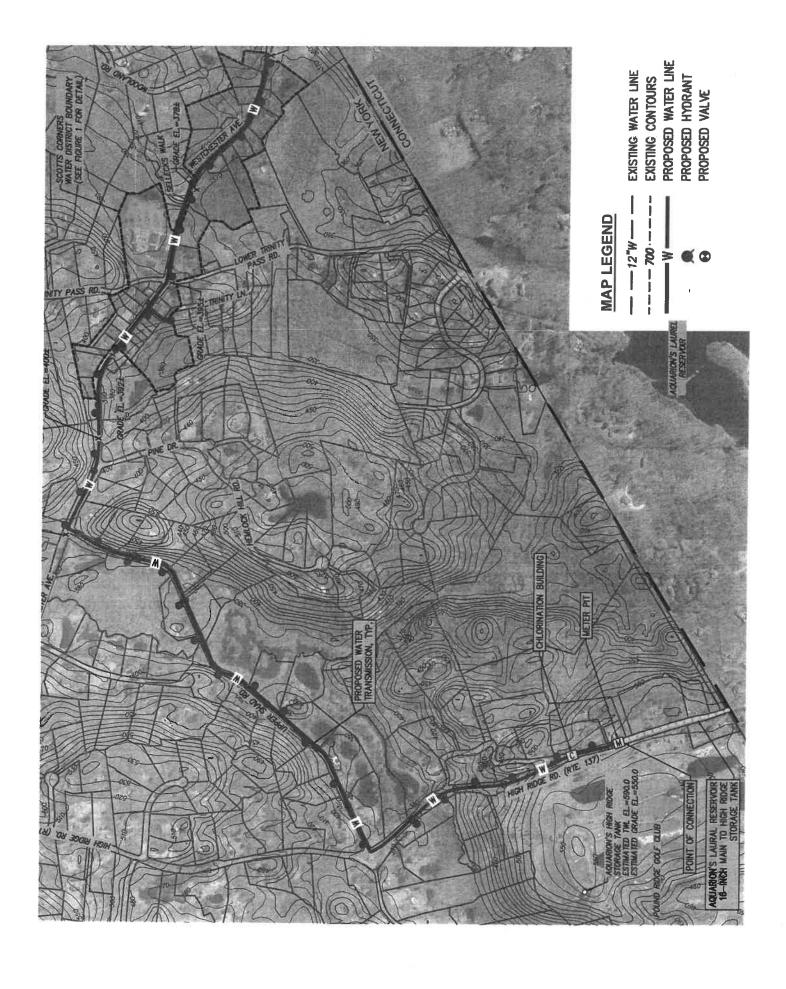
*Usage over 110 gallons per day per EDU will cost \$3.34 per 1,000 gallons.

Scan QR Code For The Task Force Webpage









Q: What is an Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)?

A: An Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) is a single-family home or individual apartment that uses up to 110 gallons per day. Non-residential or properties with residential and commercial uses have been assigned a number of EDUs based on a simple formula that estimates the water usage for each permitted use on the property and divides it by 110 GPD, with a minimum of 1 EDU per each independent use. For example, a building with 3,000 square feet of retail space and 1 apartment would be considered 4 EDUs. The retail space would be expected to generate 300 GPD (0.1 GPD per square foot), equal to 3 EDUs. Average daily water usage of 110 GPD was selected since most of the dwelling units are one-bedroom apartments.

Q: Are grant funds or other financial assistance available?

A: The Town has applied for almost \$7.6 million and 0% financing for the project. Additional grants may be available. If the District is formed, the Town intends to seek all available grant opportunities on behalf of the District.

Q: Does the cost of the water project become a cost for all town residents?

A: No. Similar to the Scotts Corners parking district, property owners located outside the Water District will not be charged. The property owners inside the water district will be responsible for all project costs. If a property owner does not pay their water bill, it will become a lien on the property and subject to interest and penalty payments.

Q: Can a landowner opt out of the District?

A: Generally, properties cannot be removed from the water district at this time without restarting the district formation process. If the District is not formed due to a lack of support, the Town Board may consider modifying the district boundary in the future which will require restarting the district formation process. If the process is restarted with a new boundary, user costs would need to be updated to reflect property characteristics, additional construction costs for inflation, and grants that may be available. The income survey may also need to be updated for the modified service area.

Q: What are the anticipated milestones and timeframe for when my property will be hooked up?

A: The current project schedule estimates the water main will be installed and ready for connections during Fall 2026. However, this schedule relies on timely district formation and approval by the New York State Comptroller. The schedule also depends on the award of grants and low or zero-interest loans.

Q: What is the anticipated costs to connect a building to the new water main?

A: Since the plumbing of every building is different, a typical cost to connect is impossible to define. However, to simplify landowner connections, a water service connection and shut-off valve will be placed at the property line to each building.

Q: What will this do to my property value?

A: Access to public water typically increases property value since costs to operate and maintain private well systems are eliminated. Significant value might be added in an area like Scotts Corners with contaminated groundwater.

Q: Why is my property in the water district

A: The water district boundary was established based on zoning district boundaries. Properties located along Westchester Avenue within PB-A, PB-B and PB-C zoning districts were included in the water district.

Q: How was the water usage estimated for each property?

A: Water usage was estimated based on records from the Town showing property use characteristics of each property and design flow criteria per 2014 New York State Design Standards for Intermediate Sized Wastewater Treatment Systems.

Q: How was project cost estimated?

A: The probable opinion of construction cost can be found in Appendix O of the Map, Plan and Report, which was prepared based on the schematic plans developed explicitly for the Scotts Corners project. Annual operation and maintenance costs were estimated based on published water costs from Aquarion, with an additional budget assigned to periodically flush hydrants and operate a small chlorination system, if required. Operation and maintenance costs would be minimal since Aquarion water is treated and sufficiently pressurized, and booster pumps will not be required.

O: How were user costs derived?

A: Annual user costs are based on a simple formula that adds the estimated annual loan payment and operation and maintenance costs divided by the number of EDUs. The total number of EDUs was calculated based on the estimated water usage for each property within the District. As EDUs are added or subtracted, the annual cost calculation will change.

Q: How does a property owner know what they will pay each year?

A: The estimated first-year cost for each property is listed in Appendix I of the Map, Plan and Report.

Q: Why not just force landowners to install their own treatment systems?

A: As shown in the Map, Plan and Report, the cost to operate and maintain individual treatment systems is expected to be much higher than that of public water. Although the cost to install a treatment system may be less than that of a new water main, quarterly laboratory testing and periodic replacement of spent media are significant.

Q. What happens if costs increase or grants are not secured?

A: Unless grants totaling at least \$7.567 million and financing for \$3.34 million at 3% maximum interest is secured, the District will not be formed. If final construction costs require additional borrowing, construction cannot proceed unless additional grants are secured.

Q. Will there be an independent review of the project?

A: Yes, the project will be reviewed by multiple state agencies. The NYS Comptroller will review the project because the annual cost for the typical property exceeds the 2024 review threshold of \$1,083. The NYS Department of Health will also review project financials and engineering documentation as part of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund financing and grant funding that the Town has applied for.

Q. What is the impact of delaying district formation?

A. Delays to district formation will contribute to construction cost escalation and potentially diminish the Town's ability to secure grant funding. The Town applied for 70% emerging contaminant grant funding on June 14, 2024. There is no guarantee that this program will be available in future years. No grants awards will be possible unless the District is formed.

Q. Will septic systems still work when water is brought in from Aquarion's reservoirs and not taken from the wells on each property?

A. Yes, septic systems will function as they do currently. The groundwater presently supplying water to the private wells in Scotts Corners is connected to the same streams, ponds, and reservoirs Aquarion will use to supply water to Scotts Corners. Properties are not pumping from and discharging to an isolated container that requires the volume of water withdrawal to be balanced to prevent overfilling.

Q. Will there be PFAS in water supplied to Scotts Corners from Aquarion?

A. Water provided to Scotts Corners will be required to meet US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maximum contaminant level limits for PFAS. Notably, the limits recently adopted by the EPA were more stringent than those in effect in New York State at the time they were adopted.

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(Assumes DWSRF 3% Interest Loan, and 70% NYS Water Grant) Estimated First Year Annual User Costs - Funding Scenario 3

First Year	Cost	\$856.07	\$856.07	\$4.280.35	\$2.568.21	\$2.568.21	110006	\$2,568.21	\$5,136.42	\$856.07	\$5,992.49	\$2,568.21	\$1,712.14	\$1,712.14	\$856.07	\$7 704 63	67,704.03	\$1,712.14	\$11,984.98	\$42,803.50	60 417 72	39,410.77	\$3,424.28	\$6,848.56	\$3,424.28	\$5,992.49	\$16.265.33
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Assessed Value	\$40,000	\$75,000	\$81,600	901,000	000,074	\$115,000	\$145,000	\$450,000	\$115,000	\$175,000	\$115,000	\$145,000	\$79,000	\$115,000	000,011	\$110,000	\$181,200	\$162.750	\$817,600	00067100	\$315,700	\$97,000	\$137.650	\$90,000	\$127,000	0006/7710	\$121,000
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(Assumes DWSRF 3% Interest Loan, and 70% NYS Water Grant) Estimated First Year Annual User Costs - Funding Scenario 3

Parcel #	Assessed	Owner	Total EDUs	Property Use Notes	First Year Cost
\$7	\$75,000	Trinity Lane Ltd	S	1030 sf retail/office, 1 barber chair, and 1 apartment	\$4,280.35
\$12	\$121,000	69-71 Westchester Ave. LLC	10	25 seat restaurant and 1939 sfretail	\$8,560.70
6\$	\$98,400	72 Pound Ridge LLC	6	2375 sf retail, 1188 sf food prep w/ 4 employees, 1188 sf retail, and 2 bedrooms	\$7,704.63
\$21	\$216,000	73 Westchester LLC	7	4200 sf retail/food prep and 1 chair medical office	\$5,992.49
\$19.	\$195,500	Scotts Corner Market Inc	23	50 seat restaurant, 10 member spa, 1993 sf retail and 3 apartments	\$19,689.61
\$195	\$195,000	76 Westchester Realty Co LLC	22	60 seat restaurant and 2 apartments	\$18,833.54
\$40,000	000	Town of Pound Ridge	0	Park	\$0.00
\$5	\$5,000	Town of Pound Ridge	0	Alley/Parking	\$0.00
\$89,750	750	Metzger Revocable Trust	S	2234 sf food prep with 4 employees and 745 sf office	\$4,280.35
\$108	\$108,000	Eduard K. Kleiner Family Trust	2	1872 sf office	\$1,712.14
\$510	\$510,000	Pound Ridge Fire District	7	7076 sf community facility	\$5,992.49
\$50	\$50,000	Pound Ridge Fire District	0	Vacant land	\$0.00
\$27	\$275,000	Albano Realty Assoc LLC	11	6138 sf retail, 2 apartments & 2290 sf office	\$9,416.77
\$10	\$101,500	BTE 85W LLC	18	50 seat restaurant and 1360 sf office	\$15,409.26
\$10	\$100,000	Rex Realty of Ct Inc	2	1444 sf Retail	\$1,712.14
\$1	\$100,000	Pound Ridge Lions	2	1296 sf community facility	\$1,712.14
		Total EDUs	289	Total Annual User Costs	\$247,404.23

Typical Property Summary - EDU Method Typical Property Summary - Assessed Value Method

Mean \$158,094 Median \$115,000 Median

Mode \$115,000

Mode



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Pound Ridge Scotts Corners Water District Map, Plan, and Report



https://www.townofpoundridge.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/boards_and_commissions/page/25811 /pound_ridge_scotts_corner_water_district_-_map_plan_and_report_5-15-24.pdf

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October 10, 2024
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

<<<IndividualName>>
<<Address>>
<<Town_State_Zip>>
</to>

Re: Special Election
Scotts Corners Water District
Town of Pound Ridge, New York

Dear << Individual Name>>.

You are receiving this letter because you own taxable real property located in the proposed Scotts Corners Water District.

Please be advised that there will be a special election on **October 24, 2024**, in which the owners of parcels located in the proposed water district will vote on whether that district should be formed. As the owner of one or more such parcels, you are eligible to cast one (1) vote. A copy of the voting rules adopted by the Town Board is attached.

The special election will be held at the Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY 10576, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Voting will be in-person only; absentee voting will not be allowed. Please note that you will be required to present a government-issued photo ID in order to vote.

If you have questions about the special election, you can contact me at 914-764-5549 or by email at townclerk@townofpoundridge.com.

Sincerely,

Erin Trostle Town Clerk

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<<EntityName>>
<<Address>>
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Re: Special Election

Scotts Corners Water District
Town of Pound Ridge, New York

Dear <<EntityName>>,

This letter is being sent to <<EntityName>> because <<EntityName>> owns taxable real property located in the proposed Scotts Corners Water District.

Please be advised that there will be a special election on **October 24, 2024**, in which the owners of parcels located in the proposed water district will vote on whether that district should be formed. As the owner of one or more such parcels, <<EntityName>> is eligible to cast one (1) vote.

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In order to vote, <<EntityName>> must designate an individual to vote on its behalf. Please note that the individual will be required to present a copy of an official resolution designating him or her as the voting representative for <<EntityName>> before casting a ballot. The individual will also be required to present a government-issued photo ID.

A sample corporate resolution is enclosed here, but your voting representative may provide an official resolution in a different format if you choose. A copy of the rules for voting is also enclosed.

If you have questions about the special election, you can contact me at 914-764-5549 or by email at townclerk@townofpoundridge.com.

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<<TrustName>>
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Scotts Corners Water District

Town of Pound Ridge, New York

Dear <<TrustName>>,

This letter is being sent to <<TrustName>> because <<TrustName>> owns taxable real property located in the proposed Scotts Corners Water District.

Please be advised that there will be a special election on **October 24, 2024**, in which the owners of parcels located in the proposed water district will vote on whether that district should be formed. As the owner of one or more such parcels, <<TrustName>> is eligible to cast one (1) vote. Please note that a trust is entitled to only one vote regardless of the number of trustees.

The special election will be held at the Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY 10576, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Voting will be in-person only; absentee voting will not be allowed.

Please note that the individual voting on behalf of <<TrustName>> will be required to present a copy of trust documents listing the individual as a trustee. The individual will also be required to present a government-issued photo ID. A copy of the voting rules approved by the Town Board is attached.

If you have questions about the special election, you can contact me at 914-764-5549 or by email at townclerk@townofpoundridge.com.

Sincerely,

Erin Trostle Town Clerk



OCTOBER 24, 2024 SPECIAL ELECTION

PROPOSED FORMATION OF THE SCOTTS CORNERS WATER DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12-A OF THE NEW YORK STATE TOWN LAW

VOTING RULES

- 1. The special election for the proposed formation of the Scotts Corners Water District in the Town of Pound Ridge shall occur on October 24, 2024 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, New York, 10576.
- 2. All owners of taxable real property located within the proposed water district are entitled to vote in this election.
- 3. Every joint tenant, tenant in common, or other person with a direct ownership of taxable real property located within the proposed water district may vote. In other words, each person who owns the fee to real property as a joint tenant, tenant in common, or tenant by the entirety has an ownership in the property that entitles said person to vote. For example, where a married couple owns a property jointly, both persons are entitled to one (1) vote each.
- 4. A corporation (including a not-for-profit corporation), limited liability company, or partnership owning taxable real property that is titled in the name of the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership and that is located within the proposed water district is entitled to one (1) vote. The person voting on behalf of the entity must present a copy of a resolution authorizing said person to vote on behalf of the entity. A copy of said resolution will be retained by the election inspectors.
- 5. A trust owning taxable real property that is titled in the name of the trust and that is located within the proposed water district is entitled to one (1) vote. The person voting on behalf of the entity must present a copy of the trust agreement naming said person as trustee or documentation authorizing the person to vote on behalf of the trust. A copy of any agreement or documentation presented will be retained by the election inspectors.
- 6. Where the owner listed on the deed has passed away or where a property is listed as being owned by an estate, an estate representative may vote. The representative of the estate must present written proof of representative capacity. A copy of said written proof will be retained by the election inspectors.
- 7. Each landowner is entitled to one (1) vote only, regardless of the number of properties owned by said landowner.
- 8. All persons voting must present government-issued photo identification.
- 9. At the close of the election, the votes shall be tallied on the day of the election.

SAMPLE VOTER DESIGNATION RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the	, a business entity with its
principal office located at	, called a meeting on
and the following resolution	on was duly adopted and is now in full force and
effect:	
Whereas, the Town of Pound Ridge has schedu to the formation of the Scotts Corners Water District; a	uled a Special Election on October 24, 2024 related and
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Whereas, the person voting on behalf of the enauthorizing said person to vote on behalf of the entity.	ntity must present a copy of a resolution
Be it therefore resolved that the following india vote on behalf of the business entity named above:	vidual is hereby authorized and designated to cast
Name:	
Address:	
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my ha	
corporation and affixed the corporate seal on this	day of, 2024.
Signature	Date
Printed Name	Title