

SEWER PROJECT HISTORY

Project Cost: \$39,015,000
First Year User Cost: \$766

June 2018: B&L hired to prepare PER & MPR.

June 2019: Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) submitted to NYSEFC IUP.

Summer 2019: WIIA funding app submitted.

Summer 2019: WQIP funding app submitted.

No WQIP awarded

December 2019: \$5M WIIA Awarded.

March 2020: COVID-19 Pandemic hits

June 2020: \$20M EFC hardship financing awarded.

No EFC funding offered during this time due to COVID-19

August 2020: \$3M in grant and \$11M in loan from USDA RD awarded (\$4.6M still needed).

June 2021: EFC requires Town to close on financing to keep \$5M WIIA award.

July 2021: WQIP funding app resubmitted.

September 2021: Town forced to raise first year user cost to \$892 and submit closing paperwork to maintain WIIA award & EFC financing.

October 2021: WIIA maximum award increases to \$25M for CWSRF projects (Town cannot take advantage).

January 2022: \$4.6M WQIP grant awarded; project fully funded per original \$39.015M cost estimate.

June 2022: Project cost grew to \$49.81M; grant shortfall now \$6.2M to meet the \$892 target user charge.

July 2022: The Town worked with NYSDEC to make the project eligible for a follow-up WQIP grant application

U.S. inflation hits 9.1% (highest since 1981)

September 2022: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) increases hardship financing to \$25M for CWSRF; (Town cannot take advantage due to short-term closing)

March 2023: 2022 CFA round WQIP announced; Constantia was not selected

March 2023: Project endorsed up to \$4M from Federal STAG Grant.

June 2023: Inflation drives project cost to \$62.95M; Town submits NBRC grant application submitted for up to \$1M;

Ahead: Town plans to submit a second WQIP application for \$10M, additional grant applications and challenge EFC eligibility requirements for WIIA and Hardship