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NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. Approves Nearly \$3.32 Million in Low-Cost Financing for Sewer Projects in Dutchess County

Seven Projects Across the State Approved for a Total of \$28.3 Million in Financing

The Board of Directors of the Environmental Facilities Corp. (EFC) today approved nearly \$3.32 million in interest-free and market-rate financing to upgrade sewer systems in Dutchess County.

The Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority will use these short-term loans to improve the Valley Dale Wastewater Treatment Plant and the sanitary sewage collection system in the Town of Pleasant Valley, along with upgrades to the Chelsea Cove Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Town of Beekman.

At today's meeting, the EFC Board of Directors approved a total of \$28.38 million in loans and grants from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for seven projects around the state. In addition to the \$3.32 million in financing for Dutchess County, CWSRF loans were also approved for projects in the City of Cortland (\$13.2 million) in Cortland County, the Village of Mexico (\$2.7 million) and the Town of Hastings (\$1.2 million) in Oswego County, City of Glens Falls (\$689,140) in Warren County and the Village of Philadelphia (\$7.3 million) in Jefferson County.

EFC is the arm of Governor Andrew Cuomo's administration that provides low-cost loans to help local governments afford major improvements to wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. This year is the 25th anniversary of New York State's Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which has furnished more than \$17 billion in low-cost loans and grants to thousands of important water pollution control projects throughout New York State. Half of the Dutchess County loans -- \$1,659,384 -- will carry no interest charge, while the other half will be set at the current market rate.

"As EFC marks the 25th anniversary of New York's Clean Water revolving loan fund, New York State is expanding its efforts to help local governments create reliable infrastructure for the collection and treatment wastewater and stormwater," said EFC President and CEO Matthew Driscoll. "Millions of New Yorkers have benefited from our management of the nation's largest and most-active Clean Water fund, as upgraded wastewater systems have improved the environment, protected public health and provided new opportunities for economic development."

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The building that houses the wastewater treatment plant for the Chelsea Cove Sewer District was replaced in 2005. The effluent from this plant is discharged to Sylvan Lake. This new project will improve influent pumping and screening, primary and secondary clarifiers, tertiary filters, sludge processing and process control systems.

In Pleasant Valley, the Valley Dale plant discharges into a tributary to Wappingers Creek. In 2005, a new rotating biological contactor was installed in the treatment plant, along with approximately 420 feet of new sewer line. The current phase of work is for further upgrades to the plant, including primary and secondary treatment and sludge storage, as well as the repair of several manholes. The linings of several sections of sewer line will also be repaired to correct inflow and infiltration problems.

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