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## **NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. Awards \$10.8 Million for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in Town of Fallsburg**

The Board of Directors of the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) today approved \$10.8 million in no-interest loans to finance the costs associated with the construction of upgrades and the expansion of the Loch Sheldrake Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Town of Fallsburg.

Fallsburg, located in eastern Sullivan County, will use the financing package to replace equipment at the wastewater treatment plant that has reached or exceeded its useful life. The treatment plant, which was constructed in 1938, received its last major upgrade in the mid-1980s, and is now in need of rehabilitation to ensure operational efficiency and compliance with state environmental regulations.

“As we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, New York State continues to expand its efforts to assist local government in creating reliable infrastructure for the collection and treatment of wastewater,” said EFC President and CEO Matthew J. Driscoll. “EFC is pleased to have been able to work with the Town of Fallsburg to find an affordable solution to their clean water needs.”

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.

Improvements at the treatment facility include new headworks, secondary treatment utilizing Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) technology, and disinfection utilizing an ultraviolet (UV) light system. Phase I treatment plant upgrades consisting of modernizations to the solids handling unit processes were completed in February of 2013 and were also financed by EFC with \$4.1 million in no-interest loans.

This project, which is expected to finalize construction in 2017, will increase plant capacity from 0.7 MGD to 0.997 MGD, and reduce the risk of inadequately-treated wastewater discharges, while protecting and improving the water quality of Evens Lake.

Funding for the Fallsburg project will come from New York’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), which is jointly administered by EFC and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

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