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## **EFC Approves \$5 Million, Short-Term Loan for Landfill Closure Project in the Town of Salina**

The Board of Directors of the Environmental Facilities Corp. (EFC) has unanimously approved a \$5 million short-term loan to the Town of Salina for work now underway to close the town landfill.

The low-interest loan will help the town install a groundwater/landfill leachate collection system and pretreatment plant designed to remove mercury, PCB's and volatile organic compounds (VOCS). The leachate collection system is comprised of approximately 1,040 linear feet of 1.5-inch HDPE force main, 850 linear feet of 2.0-inch HDPE force main, 670-linear feet of 3.0-inch double contained HDPE force main, and associated pre-cast concrete wet wells, manholes and cleanouts.

"EFC is pleased to have been able to assist the Town of Salina in securing affordable financing for this important project," said EFC President and CEO Matthew Driscoll. "The result will be a cleaner environment and improved public health for generations to come."

"Thanks to Governor Cuomo's support and leadership, New York State is leading the nation in water quality protection," said Joe Martens, commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and chairman of EFC's Board of Directors. "We look forward to continuing our close work with Salina and other communities throughout the state to finance these water quality protection costs at the lowest possible cost."

"I appreciate the EFC's willingness to approve a low-interest loan for the town of Salina," State Senator David J. Valesky said. "This critical, multi-stage project affects all residents, and this loan will bring the project much closer to completion."

"As a person who has always been an advocate for preserving our natural resources and keeping our drinking water clean, I would like to thank the EFC for approving the \$5 million in funding to the Town of Salina for the Landfill Closure Project," said Assemblyman Sam Roberts. "We need to continue to advocate and allocate funding in an effort to preserve and keep our environment clean and safe."

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The pretreatment plant consists of six (6) extraction well pumps and control equipment, an influent pre-cast submersible packaged pump station, 2,200 square foot concrete masonry unit brick building, 125,000 gallons glass-fused-to- steel water storage tank, bag filters, air strippers, carbon filters, parshall flumes, manholes, pipes and site work. The pretreated leachate will be discharged to the Metropolitan Syracuse WWTP (84.2 MGD) for further treatment.

The \$20.6 million project has previously received a state grant of more than \$13.6 million from the Department of Environmental Conservation's Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Remediation Program. EFC also provided a \$1.33 million loan from this year's sale of \$213 million in "Green" bonds. The town plans to convert the latest EFC loan to a 30-year loan next year.

EFC is a public benefit corporation dedicated to promoting environmental quality through a wide range of funding and technical assistance focused on protecting, improving and restoring New York's precious natural resources.

EFC's largest programs are its highly-successful Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. In the 2014 federal fiscal year, EFC approved a record \$2 billion in clean-water loans to nearly 200 communities across the state.

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