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TOWN OF AMHERST BREAKS GROUND ON MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

$31M NYS Grant Supports Amherst Growth

The Town of Amherst has broken ground on one of the largest infrastructure projects in the town's recent history. The new Westside Interceptor Diversion addresses the looming capacity issues that have plagued the westside of Town while allowing for future growth.

"This is a critical step in preparing for the redevelopment of the blighted parcels, including the Boulevard Mall, while also addressing existing issues for residents. Through this major infrastructure project, the Town is addressing existing capacity issues that impact both residential and commercial properties," said Deputy Supervisor Shawn Lavin. "Additionally, upon completion, this investment opens the door for future development projects that will address our housing crisis and rejuvenate grey fields."

The project is being overseen by the Town's Engineering Department and is expected to take three years to complete.

"The Westside Interceptor Diversion project was once seen as an infeasible plan, but through the work of the Town of Amherst and New York State, we were able to prioritize funding and resources to start this project this year. Upon completion the system will operate more efficiently, especially during heavy rain

events, by removing the bottlenecking that we experience due to stress on the system," said Town Engineer Jeffrey Burroughs.

The project includes constructing a pump station on Rensch Road and installing more than two miles of pipe (24 inches) along Sweet Home Road that will connect to the existing Peanut Line Interceptor. Work is expected to take three years with disruption to Rensch and Sweet Home roads while work is completed. Announcements will be made alerting motorists to any closures.

The majority of the project is funded through a $31 million Empire State Development grant. The Town has allocated $10 million for the project. The Town's contractors are Kandey Company, CATCO and Ferguson Electric.

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