



## Historic Town of Hyde Park

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**Aileen Rohr, Town Supervisor**  
*"Working with you for a better Hyde Park"*

June 19, 2020

### **RE: Route 9 Sewer District Update and Request for Feedback**

Dear Proposed Route 9 Sewer District Property Owner:

I hope this letter finds everyone well.

I am writing to you to provide an update on the Route 9 Sewer District Project, and ask for your feedback. Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, the project was moving very directly ahead. With the introduction of New York on Pause in response to the worldwide pandemic, we were required to put the project on pause as well.

As a recap of the project in which you have been identified as one of the property owners, we have done the following:

- Produced the required Map, Plan, and Report including average and per parcel costs
- Updated the Map, Plan, and Report with revised costs - please review per parcel cost on Table 1 of the Updated Map, Plan, and Report
- Held the required public hearing on March 9, 2020
- Produced an Engineering Study
- Obtained \$5.25 million in committed funding towards the \$22,000,000 project
- Provided letters to each property owner with their first year expected cost and with this letter updated these costs

All of these materials and videos of the informational meetings, **INCLUDING UPDATED PROJECT COSTS**, are available at the link below:

**<https://www.hydeparkny.us/480/Downtown-Initiative>**

Our intended next steps for the project were to conduct a second public hearing and set a date for a referendum on the project.

However, with the economic devastation caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are keenly aware that even though we have worked diligently to obtain grant funding and create a viable plan, this may not be the right time to go forward. Instead, it may be better to shelve the project, and redirect our energies to other endeavors to improve our town. It is important to understand that if we put the project on hold, the grant funding may be lost.

The Town Board would like to obtain feedback from the affected property owners as to whether, or not, they support the Route 9 Sewer District Project before making a decision to move forward with the conduct of a referendum (vote) by special election. The responses we receive will not be considered as a vote by the affected property owners, but will instead be considered by the Town Board as to whether or not to move forward with the Sewer District Formation process through the conduct of a referendum by special election.

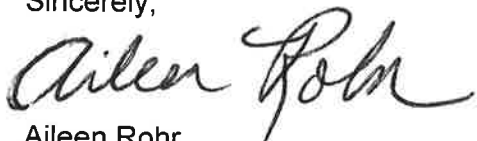
Enclosed with this letter is a simple anonymous non-transferrable questionnaire that is embossed with the town seal asking for your input as to whether or not you are in favor, or not in favor, of moving forward with the creation of this district through the referendum process, along with an opportunity to provide written comments. Also, enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for the return of this document.

Because the decision as to whether or not to approve the Sewer District formation ultimately lies with the property owners within the proposed sewer district boundaries, it is important that we receive your feedback by July 3, 2020 by the return of the enclosed document.

We will inform all the results of this effort by August 1, 2020

The Town is grateful to each of you for your investment in our community and look forward to further dialogue as we continue our efforts to provide a better and more vibrant Hyde Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aileen Rohr".

Aileen Rohr  
Hyde Park Town Supervisor

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Enclosure (Attached Questionnaire)