



SEWER PLAN INFORMATION – JUNE 2016 Questions and Answers

Please note that plans are both preliminary and tentative and there is no assurance that the Town of Bedford either will be in a position to proceed or based on public comment, will wish to proceed.

Q1 Why is the Town considering a sewer system and why now?

A1 Literally for decades the Town has considered installing sewers in recognition of health concerns periodic failures and other concerns associated with septic systems. In addition to the adverse impacts on water quality, business activity is highly limited due to regulatory constraints brought in response to these concerns. Over the last 15 to 20 years, these regulatory constraints have tightened. There is partial capital funding which now may be available to the Town for constructing a sewer system. There also appears to be interest on the part of regulatory agencies in proceeding.

Q2 What is the basic plan and how does it differ from the previous plan?

A2 The proposed sewer district would be limited to the Central Business Zoning Districts of Bedford Hills and Katonah. These have been identified as the areas with the most serious problems (frequent pump outs and failures) and also proximity to the reservoir. The present plan is significantly scaled back from the prior plan which in 2011 was estimated at a cost of \$55 million – perhaps \$65 million or more by the time it might be constructed. A rough cost estimate of the scaled back plan is \$25 million.

Q3 What's required to move ahead?

A3 There are many steps in the process which will take time. These include, but by no means are limited to, identifying sources for the capital costs of the sewer system, creation of a sewer district, review and approval of the New York State Comptroller, reaching an agreement with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Services (DOCCs) under which the waste water treatment plant at the correctional facilities in Bedford Hills would be conveyed to the Town of Bedford and DOCCs would become a customer of the sewer district and the affirmative vote of the property owners within the sewer district.

Q4 What's the cost to the property owner?

A4 The costs will vary depending upon flow created by the business activity, type of activity and other factors. Please see the accompanying "Financial Considerations".