

VILLAGE OF CATSKILL WATER AND SEWER UPGRADES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What does the water and sewer project involve?

The upcoming project includes replacement of water mains, some 100-years old, and lining or replacement of the sanitary sewers. Various other repairs and upgrades are going to be completed throughout the Village at both the water and sewer plants. The first phase of these projects will begin on Main St.

How much does the water project cost?

The estimated cost of the water project is approximately \$6.2 million. Grants were received for 46% of the work, leaving the Village with a \$3.3 million dollar loan. The loan is at a partially subsidized interest rate and paid back over 30-years.

How much does the sewer project cost?

The estimated cost of the sewer project is approximately \$25.1 million. Grants were received for 85% of the work, leaving the Village with a \$3.8 million dollar loan. The loan is interest-free and paid back over 30-years.

Who is paying for the project?

All properties within the Village will fund the debt service payments for the loan. Properties connected to water and sewer system will pay for the operation and maintenance of the systems.

When will work be completed?

Main Street construction is scheduled to start May 5th 2025, beginning at the Main St and Greene St Intersection.

Construction completion is anticipated in Fall of 2026. All site restoration work will include sidewalk replacement, grass seeding, repaving, and all other aspects of site work. Other components of this project will take place over the next 5 years.

What do I do if my roof drains are connected to the sewer?

The Village has identified multiple properties with roof drains connected to the sewer system. If the roof drains are easily separated outside the building, they will be remedied during this project. If the drains are plumbed together inside the building it will be the responsibility of the property owner to separate their roof drains from the sanitary sewer. The Village will leave a stub for the property owners to connect their roof drains to. A separate letter will be sent to properties previously identified as having connected roof drains. Please evaluate your roof drains and identify whether or not your roof drains are connected, and reach out to the Village clerk at asignoretti@villageofcatskillny.gov

On which Streets will construction occur?

Phase 1 on this project includes work on Main St, Union St, Brandow Alley and Church St. Numerous other streets will be included later.

The contractors will arrive at a construction location and stage equipment and materials in advance

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of trenching for the lines. Generally, pipe will be installed continuously along a street. It will be apparent when construction is on your street.

Will water have to be shut-off?

Water service will generally be maintained throughout the project. Breaks can occur without warning and in some cases a planned shut-down will occur. The Village will provide as much notice as possible of any service interruptions, and initiate a reverse-911 call to affected homes for all planned shutdowns.

What will be done to keep dust, noise and driveway disruption during construction to a minimum?

Construction of the sewer & water lines and will involve noise and dust and disruption of driveway entrances. The contractor will work from 7AM to 5 PM weekdays with no work scheduled for weekends. Dust will be controlled at the site of construction as much as possible. Driveway access will be restored at the end of each workday. Residents should notify the workers if they have special needs to get through.

Do I need to do anything?

Typically, no. You may however wish to make repairs to your private line at the same time. The water and sewer lines from a home to the street are the responsibility of the homeowner. And just like the pipe in the street, the private line may be clogged or leaking and in need of replacement.

Is there lead in the water and will this help?

There are traces of lead in all water systems and the Village regularly checks for it and the water meets EPA standards. Some private service lines are made of lead. Contact the Water Department in advance if you believe you have a lead service line. If lead lines are located during construction that will be replaced all the way up to the building.

Are trees being cut down?

Only when work gets too close to the tree. The deep excavation can kill trees in the years after pipes are put in. Any trees cut down during construction will be replaced during the site restoration work.

Who is doing Restoration and when will it happen?

The Contractor is responsible for repairing or replacing disturbed areas after work. Holes will be levelled and the area made safe immediately. Disturbed areas will properly be restored before the end of the project.

Who do I call if I have questions?

Village Hall – (518) 943-3830

DPW – (518) 943-5505

Delaware Engineering – (518) 452-1290