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Department of Environmental Protection Completes Expansion of Wastewater Service in Town of Hunter

**\$1.2 million project enhances collection and treatment of
wastewater in Schoharie watershed**

Photos of the work are available on [DEP’s Flickr Page](#)

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the completion of work on a \$1.2 million sewer line extension project in the Town of Hunter, which will provide centralized wastewater collection and treatment to 22 homes that currently rely on individual septic systems. The project included the installation of 2,500 linear feet of sewer mains along Hill Street, Division Street, First Street, Chestnut Drive and Showers Road. DEP also installed 2,300 linear feet of laterals from the sewer main to the foundation of each home that’s served by the extension. Town of Hunter officials have notified homeowners along the project route that they can now make arrangements to decommission their septic tanks and connect to the laterals that were installed on their properties. Wastewater collected by the extension will be processed at the Tannersville Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is owned and operated by DEP.

“This project in Hunter will provide improved wastewater collection and treatment to homes in the watershed for Schoharie Reservoir,” **DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd** said. “Thanks to decades of data and monitoring, we know that small wastewater projects add up to big improvements for water quality. That’s why projects like this extension in Hunter are important for maintaining the high quality of drinking water in New York City’s reservoirs.”

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About 5,000 square feet of pavement was also restored on local roads to complete the project. DEP had previously extended other portions of the Town of Hunter wastewater collection system in 2006.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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