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

\$1.2 million project will provide wastewater collection and treatment to 22 additional homes

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the start of work on a \$1.2 million sewer line extension project in the Town of Hunter, which will provide wastewater collection and treatment to 22 homes that currently rely on individual septic systems. The project involves the installation of 2,500 linear feet of sewer mains along Hill Street, Division Street, First Street, Chestnut Drive and Showers Road. DEP will also install 2,300 linear feet of laterals from the sewer main to each home that's served by the extension. Wastewater collected by the extension will be processed at the Tannersville Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is owned and operated by the City.

"Adequate wastewater collection and treatment are important aspects of protecting the watershed and maintaining the City's unfiltered supply of high-quality drinking water," **DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said**. "Sewer extensions such as this, along with septic repairs and replacements, help to ensure that local infrastructure is protecting the water in streams, creeks and reservoirs."

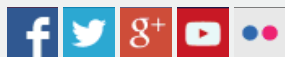
"The Town of Hunter would absolutely like to thank DEP for following through on this project," **said Hunter Town Councilman Dolph Semenza**. "Tying these homes into the wastewater treatment system is well worth it to protect the watershed, and I'm glad the project has come to fruition for people in this neighborhood."

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DEP has met with local officials from the town and school district to address the needed road closures and traffic detours, which will be limited to work hours only. Detours will be clearly marked on local roads. Town officials will soon be mailing notifications to homeowners with project details. DEP expects to complete the project no later than 2015. About 5,000 square feet of pavement will be restored on local roads once the project is finished.

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 at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

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