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**Legislature Of** 

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To The Honorable Monroe County Legislature 407 County Office Building Rochester, New York 14614

Subject:

Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District Entitled "RPWD – General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements" Project; Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to Add the Project; and Authorize an Interfund Transfer

## Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body approve a request to establish an Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District (the "District") in the amount of \$2,500,000, consisting of a capital project entitled "RPWD - General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements;" amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add the project; and authorize an interfund transfer.

The total Increase and Improvements of Facilities in the District is comprised of the "RPWD - General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements" project (\$2,500,000), "RPWD - CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements" project (\$1,200,000), "RPWD - FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades" project (\$1,000,000), and the "Replacement Heavy Equipment" (\$750,000), for a total estimated cost of the Increase and Improvement in the amount of \$5,450,000. The "RPWD - CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements", "RPWD - FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades", and "Replacement Heavy Equipment" projects are under consideration by Your Honorable Body as companion referrals.

The Increase and Improvement of Facilities is necessary to provide funding for the "RPWD - General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements." This project includes general improvements to various pump stations, collection system infrastructure and the Frank E. Van Lare Water Resource Recovery Facility including enhancement to appurtenant communication and data transmission systems. The project is necessary to maintain the reliability and continuity of services to District customers. The estimated cost of the improvements is \$2,500,000, which shall be provided as cash capital.

Portions of the project may become eligible for financing through the New York State Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund. It is therefore requested that the County have the ability to submit applications and take any necessary steps to utilize this financing vehicle if it becomes available.

## The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Hold a Public Hearing for the proposed maximum amount to be expended for an "Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District."

- 2. Following the Public Hearing, adopt a resolution approving the "Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District" at the maximum amount to be expended.
- 3. Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "RPWD General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements" in the amount of \$2,500,000.
- 4. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$2,500,000 from the proposed 2025 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services, pure waters fund 9007, funds center 8575010000, Rochester Pure Waters District Special Expense to capital fund 1925 for the "RPWD General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements" project.
- 5. Authorize filing of applications and execution of Project Financing Agreements and any other necessary documents by the County Executive or the Director of Finance Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, for participation in the New York State Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund under the applicable laws of New York State to finance all or a portion of the project.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(1) ("maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility") and (2) ("replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be available in capital fund 1925 and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. The local funding for this project will ultimately be provided by the Rochester Pure Waters District user fees. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

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Sincerely

Monroe County Executive

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