By Legislators Johns and Smith

## PURE WATERS ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE ROCHESTER PURE WATERS DISTRICT

Intro No
RESOLUTION NO OF 2023
AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES IN ROCHESTER PURE WATERS DISTRICT – GENESEE VALLEY PUMP STATION
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PURE WATERS ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE ROCHESTER PURE WATERS DISTRICT, as follows:
Section 1. The Pure Waters Administrative Board of the Rochester Pure Waters District hereby requests that the Monroe County Legislature approve an Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District consisting of a capital project entitled "Genesee Valley Pump Station," at an estimated cost of \$9,500,000.
Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
File No. 23-0348
ADOPTION: Date: Vote:



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Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello County Executive

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November 9, 2023

To The Administrative Board of the Rochester Pure Waters District 407 County Office Building Rochester, New York 14614

Subject:

Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District - Genesee Valley Pump Station and Amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 286 of

2021 to Provide an Increase in Funding

## Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Administrative Board of the Rochester Pure Waters District approve a request to establish an Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District (the "District") in the amount of \$4,000,000, consisting of a capital project entitled "Genesee Valley Pump Station," and amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 286 of 2021 to provide an increase in funding.

The total Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the District is comprised of the "Genesee Valley Pump Station" project (\$9,500,000) and the "General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements" project (\$1,900,000) for a total estimated cost of the Increase and Improvement in the amount of \$11,400,000. The "General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements" project is under consideration by Your Honorable Body as a companion referral.

This increase and improvement of Facilities is necessary to provide additional funding for the project entitled "Genesee Valley Pump Station". The improvements are required to provide relief to the District's Wilson Boulevard trunk sewer and restore capacity in the District's collection system. Additionally, this project will allow the University of Rochester ("UofR") to expand its emergency medical facilities and permit future development in the Wilson Boulevard trunk sewer's sewer shed south of the UofR Medical Center. The improvements will include a new 3.5 million gallon per day sanitary pump station and force main consisting of a diversion and wet will structure with submersible pumps, valve and meter vaults, a small building to house electrical, instrumentation, and control components, and a force main approximately 1,500 linear feet that will cross under the Genesee River roughly 900 feet south of Elmwood Avenue. Through Resolution 294 of 2021. Your Honorable Body approved contracts with MRB Group for professional engineering services and with the UofR for financial participation in and the conveyance of interest in real property for the Project. Through Resolutions 159 and 160 of 2023, Your Honorable Body adopted Home Rule Messages for New York State Senate and Assembly Bills to allow the District to acquire permanent easements from the City of Rochester through Genesee Valley Park.

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The estimated cost increase resulted from significant escalation of construction pricing since the project was originally estimated in 2021 and planned for construction commencing in 2022. The project was delayed to prolonged effort to acquire easements across Genesee Valley Park. Since design commenced in 2022, the pump station location on the UofR has been relocated from its original proposed location due to City of Rochester requirements and negotiations. The shifting of the pump station location resulted in a deeper excavation for the pump station structures as well as the relocation of existing underground and overhead utilities in conflict with the relocated pump station structures adding costs unforeseen in 2021.

The estimated cost of the improvements is \$9,500,000 with \$5,500,000 previously authorized by Your Honorable Body through Resolution 285 of 2021. The actual debt service obligation for the revised cost of the project, \$9,500,000, as projected in future years could potentially result in an increase of \$5.85 to the future annual charges of the average District ratepayer. However, the actual impact is typically reduced through the retirement of previous debt and other offsets to the District's capital charge levy. Based on an average annual water consumption of 60,000 gallons, the total annual charge for both operation and maintenance and capital to the typical District ratepayer in 2023 is \$254.89.

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 Administrative Board action required is to submit a request to the Monroe County Legislature to approve an Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the capital project entitled "Genesee Valley Pump Station" and amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 286 of 2021 to provide an increase in funding for a total authorization of \$9,500,000.

This action is a Type I Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). Pursuant to Resolution 292 of 2021, the Monroe County Legislature issued a Negative Declaration for this action. No further action under SEQRA is required.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be available in capital fund 2009 and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. The local funding for this project will ultimately be provided by Rochester Pure Waters District user fees. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by the Administrative Board of the Rochester Pure Waters District.

Adam J. Bello

Monroe County Executive

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