

By Legislators Hughes-Smith and Maffucci

Intro. No. \_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2025

**APPROVING INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES IN ROCHESTER PURE WATERS DISTRICT ENTITLED "RPWD – FEV SPDES PERMIT UPGRADES" PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Administrative Board of the Rochester Pure Waters District of the County of Monroe, New York has heretofore duly caused to be prepared, pursuant to Section 268 of the County Law, a map and plan by an engineer duly licensed by the State of New York for a proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of said District, consisting of the "RPWD – FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades," all as more fully set forth in such map and plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature of the County of Monroe has called a public hearing on the aforesaid increase and improvement of facilities in accordance with the provisions of Section 268 of the County Law, and said public hearing held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, at \_\_\_\_ P.M. in the Legislative Chambers of the County Office Building, Rochester, New York, in said County; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly published in the manner provided by law and proof thereof has been submitted to said County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, said County Legislature has duly considered the evidence given at said public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the aforesaid public hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,000,000, all as more fully described in the preambles hereof.

Section 2. The cost of such increase and improvement shall be assessed against the entire geographic area encompassed by the Rochester Pure Waters District.

Section 3. The expenditure proposed for such improvement of facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District is in the public interest and will not constitute an undue burden on the property which will bear the cost thereof; and all real property to be assessed for such expenditure will be benefited by the proposed improvements and no benefited property has been excluded.

Section 4. The increase and improvement of facilities in the Rochester Pure Waters District is hereby approved at the maximum amount to be expended.

Section 5. The County Executive or the Director of Finance – Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to file applications and execute Project Financing Agreements and any other necessary documents as appropriate, for participation in the New York State Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund under applicable laws of New York State to finance all or a portion of the project.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the New York State Department of Audit and Control.

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Section 7. The Administrative Board of the Rochester Pure Waters District of said County is hereby directed to proceed with the improvements in the manner set forth in Section 262 of the County Law.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Environment and Public Works Committee; December 17, 2024 – CV: 6-0

Ways and Means Committee; December 17, 2024 – CV: 10-0

File No. 24-0434

ADOPTION: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ VETOED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_



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Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

December 6, 2024

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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 - FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades" Project; Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to Add the Project; and Authorize Financing

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 \$1,000,000, consisting of a capital project entitled "RPWD - FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades;" amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add the project; and authorize financing.

The total Increase and Improvements of Facilities in the District is comprised of the "RPWD - FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades" project (\$1,000,000), "RPWD - General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements" project (\$2,500,000), "RPWD - CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements" project (\$1,200,000), 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 - General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements", "RPWD - CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements", 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 - FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades" project for the Frank E. Van Lare (FEV) Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). This project includes modifications to operating processes as required by State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit issued by New York State Department of Environmental Services.

The estimated cost of the improvements is \$1,000,000. The actual debt service obligation for the additional cost of the project, as projected in future years, could potentially result in an increase of \$0.56 to the future annual charges of the average District ratepayer. However, the actual impact is typically reduced through retirement of previous debt and other offsets to the District's capital charge levy. Based on an average water consumption of 60,000 gallons, the total annual charge for both operation & maintenance and capital to the District ratepayer in 2024 is \$273.62.

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 - FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades” in the amount of \$1,000,000.
4. Authorize financing for the project entitled “RPWD - FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades” in the amount of \$1,000,000.
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 the capital fund to be created once the financing authorization herein is approved, and in 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.

Sincerely,  


Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive

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