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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 Entitled "RPWD FEV WRRF – Biosolids Handling" Project; Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to Add the Project; and Authorize Financing

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that the 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 \$2,000,000, consisting of a capital project entitled "RPWD FEV WRRF – Biosolids Handling;" amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add the Project; and authorize financing.

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); the "RPWD – CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements" project (\$4,800,000); the "RPWD FEV WRRF – Biosolids Handling" project (\$2,000,000); and "FEV – Primary Scum Collection Improvements" project (\$1,000,000), for a total estimated cost of the Increase and Improvement in the amount of \$10,300,000. The "RPWD - General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements;" "RPWD – CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements;" and "FEV – Primary Scum Collection Improvements" 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 WRRF – Biosolids Handling" project for the Frank E. Van Lare (FEV) Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). This project includes replacing the PLC, process equipment, electrical and mechanical equipment, and associated components in the Solids Handling Building.

The estimated cost of the improvements is \$2,000,000. The actual debt service obligation for the additional cost of the project, as projected in future years, could potentially result in an increase of \$5.97 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 2025 is \$362.01.

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.

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**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 consisting of a capital project entitled “RPWD FEV WRRF – Biosolids Handling,” at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000; amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add the project; and authorize financing.

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 receive favorable action by the Administrative Board of the Rochester Pure Waters District.

Sincerely,  
  
Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive

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