

SKYRIDGE WATER DISTRICT

**UPDATE**

JULY 2022

A small Working Group has continued to focus on developing sustainable opportunities for drinking water for the residents of Horseshoe Lane and surrounding homes since the Petition for the Salt Springs Water District failed.

	<b>Public Water</b>	<b>Well Water</b>
Fall 2021		Town Board decided NOT to apply for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) for the Skyridge Improvements Only option.
		Town applied for free Technical Assistance through the Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) This program includes both DEC and DOH.
Winter 2021-2022	<p>Town representatives met with the Town of Sullivan and Clear Path for Veterans (CPV) to discuss expanding the Skyridge Water District with 'Extension #1' to include the CPV property, which is contiguous to the Horseshoe Lane neighborhood. The CPV Board of Directors voted to join the Water District. They are currently assessed as three EDUs and plan to grow once they have access to OCWA water.</p> <p>The Concept proposed was for a 'transmission' or 'trunk' line to bring water to Horseshoe Lane <i>without</i> making any connections to homes along the way. There was some discussion re: how this can be done so that residents passed by do not <i>benefit</i> (undefined in the law). Properties that <i>benefit</i> must be included in the District.</p>	Town representatives met with the NYS Bureau of Water Source Protection and Onondaga County Department of Health about our application for DWSP2; this Project was accepted into the program March 2 <sup>nd</sup> contingent to assignment of Technical Assistance Partner.

<p>Spring 2022</p>	<p>The rationale for a transmission line includes the vulnerability of the aquifer, especially with the proposed new quarry so close. If the Skyridge District residents get public water they will <i>stop</i> drawing 5000-6000 gallons per day, making more water available to neighbors on wells.</p> <p>Working Group members focused on securing additional funds so that the proposed improvements may be affordable to the District members.</p> <p>Assembly Member Al Stirpe has secured \$2M and remains interested in this project.</p> <p>Contacts were made with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congressman Katko</li> <li>• Senator Gillibrand</li> <li>• Senator Schumer</li> <li>• County Legislator Mark Olson</li> <li>• CenterStateCEO Rob Simpson</li> </ul> <p>We looked into funding from NYS for Shared Services but did not meet the savings criteria. Other opportunities to watch for are the Northern Borders Regional Commission and Rural Development [Madison County only].</p>	<p>DWSP2 agreement stalled; it took longer than expected to recruit the consulting team</p>
<p>Summer 2022</p>	<p>CPV will make a case to Onondaga County for economic development funding to support the cost of bringing public water to CPV.</p>	<p>The Town will apply for Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection using the CFA tool. The site(s) to be purchased will be recommended by the DWSP2 consultants after analysis of the aquifer.</p>