

Town of Elbridge
Joint Water Improvements Project with Village of Elbridge and Village of Jordan
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What will residents that currently do not have public water receive as part of this project?
 - A. A Town owned water main will be installed along the road and a “capped” lateral connection provided to residents along the right-of-way boundary will be provided.
2. How much does the project cost?
 - A. The total project cost is estimated to be \$19.4M.
3. How much will I pay per year?
 - A. The estimated total cost for a typical single-family household is \$500 per year.
The anticipated rate schedule is as follow:

Debt Service:	\$352
Operation & Maintenance:	\$142 (if residents connect to Town water)
<u>Water Purchase Cost:</u>	<u>\$6 (if residents connect to Town water)</u>
Total for typical household:	\$500
 - B. The typical cost for a single-family house or one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) will be equal for all water users, excluding existing debt from existing Town water districts.
 - C. The annual debt service will be generally remain the same but can vary based on the number of water users (typically the number of water users increase over time and therefore the debt service cost per user decreases). The operation and maintenance cost will vary based on cost of labor and materials. The water purchase cost is currently fixed per an existing agreement with the City of Syracuse.
4. How is the Water Purchase Cost estimated?
 - A. Water is purchased from the City of Syracuse at \$0.06 per 750 gallons. The estimated water usage of a typical single family home is 160 gallons per day.
5. What will it cost new water customers to connect to the proposed Town water?
 - A. Residents would need to hire a private contractor to make a connection to the water service lateral at the rights-of-way boundary. This has an estimated one-time connection cost of \$3,000, which includes a service lateral connection to internal plumbing and water meter installation.

6. Are residents within new Town Water Districts required to connect to the public water system?
 - A. No but residents would be required to pay the equivalent debt service given the ability to connect to the public water system in the future.
7. Where is the water coming from?
 - A. The drinking water is sourced from Skaneateles Lake and supplied to the Village of Jordan, Village of Elbridge, and Town of Elbridge by the City of Syracuse, via a connection to the City transmission main. The 2020 Water Quality Report from the City of Syracuse Department of Water can be found at the link below.
http://www.syracuse.ny.us/pdfs/Water/Quality_Annual_report.pdf
8. Who owns and operates the water district?
 - A. The Town of Elbridge will own the water districts with operation and maintenance to be performed by the Village of Elbridge. The intent in the future is for operation and maintenance to be performed by a joint water system, which includes the Village of Elbridge, Village of Jordan, and Town of Elbridge water districts.
9. How will the project be financed?
 - A. The Town of Elbridge intends to apply for funding for the project through the NYS Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Water Infrastructure Improvements Act (WIIA) to maximize the amount of grant and low interest rate. Typical DWSRF financing has a loan term of 30 years.
10. What are the next steps?
 - A. The project is currently in the project development stage with additional improvements to the joint water system being planned. The Town of Elbridge is currently preparing the required paperwork and reports to apply for funding for the project. Additionally, the town will need to undergo district formation for the proposed Town Water Districts in order to secure funding for the project. Additional information about district formation will be addressed at a later date.
11. What is the anticipated schedule for the project?

Project Development/District Formation	Fall 2020
Project Financing	Winter 2020/2021
Engineering Design	Spring thru Winter 2021
Construction Start	Spring 2022
Construction Completion	Fall 2023