

**LEEDS AND JEFFERSON HEIGHTS
SEWER PROJECT
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ISSUE #1**

What does the sewer project involve?

The project includes installation of about 8 miles of sewer lines along Route 23B from the existing Village sewer lines in Jefferson Heights to the Stone Bridge in Leeds and improvements to the Village's Allen Street pump station. The project also includes the installation of sewer lines on adjoining streets or easements and construction of five large pump stations as well as grinder pumps at some properties in the sewer system.

How much does the project cost?

The estimated cost of the project is \$12.5 million funded by a zero-interest 30-year loan. The Town has also applied for several grants to reduce the cost of the project to users, currently estimated at \$911/year/single family home.

Who is paying for the project?

All properties within the Sewer District will fund the debt service payments for the loan. Properties connected to the sewer system will pay for the operation and maintenance of the system as well as the cost of treatment of the wastewater. More information regarding the user charge timing of payments will be provided in future FAQs.

When will the project start? When will it end?

The construction of pump stations started in July 2016. Construction of sewer lines will begin in mid-August 2016. The project is scheduled to end in August 2017.

Am I required to connect my house or business to the sewer system? How is the connection made and when? What happens to my old septic tank and leach field? Who pays for the cost of connection and how much is it?

Homes or businesses within the Sewer District are required to connect to the sewer system by the Sewer Use Law. Connections from the home or business to the public sewer will be performed by a contractor hired by the property owner. Property owners will be notified in writing by the Town when the public sewers are ready for connection. Septic tanks and leach fields must be decommissioned and may be abandoned in place or removed at the choice of the property owner. Costs for connections are borne by the property owner and will vary depending on the amount of plumbing work to be done. More information will be provided regarding the connection process in future FAQs.

I don't want to connect my home or business to the sewer system – can I opt out?

The Sewer Use Law requires connection to the system; however, if a property owner has a septic system that meets current standards, was designed by a professional and approved by the local code enforcement officer, a request for a temporary waiver from connection to the sewer system can be submitted to the Town for review.

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Where will the sewer line project start?

Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2016 in Jefferson Heights on Route 23B at the existing Village sewer system working towards the Thruway crossing. After a few weeks of construction on Route 23B, work on side streets in Jefferson Heights may begin. Additional information regarding the construction sequence will be provided in future FAQs.

I don't see anything happening - what's going on?

Contractors may be awaiting receipt of equipment or machinery on site or work may be occurring on a side street or a pump station site that is not in general public view.

When will construction occur on my street?

The contractors will arrive at a construction location and stage equipment and materials in advance of trenching for the sewer lines. Generally, sewer lines will be installed continuously along a street. It will be apparent when construction is on your street.

What will be done to keep dust, noise and driveway disruption during construction to a minimum?

Construction of the sewer lines and pump stations will involve noise and dust and disruption of driveway entrances. The contractor will work from 7AM to 5 PM weekdays with no work scheduled for weekends. Dust will be controlled at the site of

construction as much as possible. Driveway access will be restored at the end of each workday.

I heard that natural gas lines are also being installed as part of this project. Is that true and what does that mean to me?

Central Hudson intends to upgrade existing facilities in Jefferson Heights and to extend natural gas service to new areas of the town in conjunction with the sewer project. For those with existing service, there will be no change. For those without gas service in certain areas, an option to obtain the service will be presented. More information on the extension of natural gas service will be provided in future FAQs.

How will I know what's going on with this project?

Check the Town of Catskill website at:

<http://www.townofcatskillny.gov/Public Documents/index> for FAQs and meeting notices and agendas.

The Town Board meets in public session twice monthly on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday. Updates are generally provided at one or both monthly meetings. Meetings are conducted at Town Hall, 439 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414 at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noticed.

Who do I call if I have questions?

Town Hall - (518) 943-2141 ext. 3
Delaware Engineering - (518) 452-1290
Central Hudson - 1-800-527-2714