

February 6, 2025

Bill Account Number: 57324-90108
Service Address: 909 STATE ROUTE 82
ELIZAVILLE NY 12523

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TOWN OF TAGHKANIC
483 COUNTY ROUTE 15
ELIZAVILLE NY 12523-1069



RE: Potential Change in Electric Rate

Dear Customer:

A review of your usage over the past two months indicates that your account may meet the criteria for a demand rate if your usage continues over 2000 kWh for the next two billing cycles.

Under the terms and conditions of National Grid's New York State Electric Service Classification No. SC-2, P.S.C. 220, a demand rate is applied whenever a Small General Service (SC-2) customer's usage exceeds 2000 kWh per month for four consecutive months. At that time, you will be billed under Service Classification 2, Metered Demand Service effective with the next billing cycle after the four month period. We are contacting you at this time to give you the opportunity to lower your usage and stay on the SC2ND rate.

If your usage remains over 2000 kWh for the next two billing periods your subsequent electric service bills will identify a demand charge as a separate line item on your bill. If necessary, a demand meter will be installed at the above location. A demand meter is an electric meter that, in addition to measuring your energy usage in kilowatt-hours (kWh), measures the maximum rate of consumption, in kilowatts (kW), that your facility reaches during any 15-minute interval during the billing period.

Once billed on the Metered Demand Service, your account will remain on that rate until the facility's electricity consumption has been less than 2000 kWh per month for 12 consecutive months. If necessary, our Service Department will contact you to arrange the installation of a different meter. However, in some cases, we do not need to physically change your meter to initiate demand billing.

If you have any questions, please contact our Commercial and Industrial Business Team at 1-800-664-6729.

Sincerely,

National Grid

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Пожалуйста, попросите чтобы
вам его перевели.

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From: Sarah Brancatella sbrancatella@nytowns.org
Subject: In Session - Week of 2/28
Date: Feb 28, 2025 at 6:51:08 PM
To: Sarah Brancatella sbrancatella@nytowns.org

Good Afternoon,

After a brief hiatus to accommodate NYAOT's Annual Meeting and the legislative break, NYAOT's legislative newsletter, *In Session*, is back! Here's what's been happening:

Mr. Koetzle Goes to Washington

This week, Executive Director, Chris Koetzle, and Deputy Director, Sarah Brancatella, traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATAT). They joined municipal leaders from across the country in meetings with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to advocate for key federal priorities. Among the critical issues discussed were preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, safeguarding Home Rule Authority, and securing direct funding for local governments.

We **strongly** urge our members to contact their federal representatives to emphasize the importance of tax-exempt municipal bonds. This [link](#) provides valuable insights into the cost savings per Congressional district and highlights how these exemptions reduce borrowing costs for municipalities.

Additionally, NATAT continues to provide updated reports on Executive Actions, with the latest report attached to this email. Stay informed and engaged as we work together to protect and strengthen local government interests at the federal level.

Local Government Lobby Day – There's Still Time to Join!

It's not too late to participate in NYAOT and NYCOM's Local Government Lobby Day on Tuesday, March 4th, starting at the Albany Hilton. The day will begin with a briefing on Executive Budget issues, followed by a press conference on the Capital steps and meetings with legislators. Online registration closes today, but on-site registration will be available the day of the event. Check out the day's agenda [here!](#)

Even-Year Elections

NYAOT is closely monitoring the status of the even-year election appeal currently pending before the Court of Appeals. As of today there are still no files uploaded to the docket nor is a date set for oral argument. NYAOT's Executive Committee approved NYAOT submitting an amicus brief, which requires permission from the court, and we will do so as soon as possible.

Legislation on the Move

Here are some key bills making progress in Albany:

- **S783/A3923 – (Expected to Pass Quickly)**
Amends **General Municipal Law §§30 & 300** (Chap of 2024) to **remove the requirement for certain smaller municipalities to maintain official .gov websites**. This is a pre-negotiated chapter amendment.
- **S1850/A6012 – Safe Water and Infrastructure Action Program (NYAOT Legislative Priority)**
Establishes a program to fund the **replacement and rehabilitation** of local drinking water, stormwater, and sanitary sewer systems not under private jurisdiction.
- **S373/A409 – Transparency in Municipal Contracts**

Amends **General Municipal Law §99-aa** to **prohibit non-disclosure agreements in negotiations and contracts** between municipalities and outside entities. **Status:** Passed Senate, now in the Assembly Government Operations Committee.

- **S12/A778 – Collective Bargaining & Layoff Protections**

Amends **Civil Service Law §80** to allow municipalities to **negotiate layoff protections exceeding those in state law** through collective bargaining agreements. **Status:** Passed Assembly, now on the Senate's third reading.

As always, thank you for everything you do for towns, and have a great weekend.

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*** Don't forget to register for NYAOT's Annual Meeting being held February 16th-19th, 2025. You can check out the tentative agenda, new experiences being offered, and registration information [here](#)

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Trump Administration**
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Impact of Executive Action**
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Jurisdiction	Investment
SCHENEVUS N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$2,282,895
LIBERTY VLG N Y	\$2,270,000
MARGARETVILLE N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$2,248,147
WORCESTER N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$2,040,000
ITHACA LANSING DRYDEN & VLGS LANSING & CAYUGA H...	\$1,975,000
DRYDEN VLG N Y	\$1,830,000
SHAWANGUNK TOWN N Y	\$1,830,000
SCHODACK N Y	\$1,775,000
CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON N Y	\$1,710,000
KIRKWOOD N Y	\$1,345,000
LIVINGSTON CNTY N Y WTR & SWR AUTH SYS REV	\$1,245,000
OTSELIC VY CENT SCH DIST N Y	\$1,233,000
CHERRY VALLEY SPRINGFIELD N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$1,225,050
CINCINNATUS N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$1,216,621
MCGRAW N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$1,215,000
COOPERSTOWN N Y	\$1,115,000
HANCOCK N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$1,100,000
DEPOSIT N Y	\$1,026,500
BETHEL N Y	\$990,000
MARATHON N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$860,000
LAURENS VLG N Y	\$785,000
NEWFIELD TOWN N Y	\$700,000
OTEGO VLG N Y	\$650,000
SAND LAKE N Y	\$630,000
ENFIELD TOWN N Y	\$600,000
RICHFIELD SPRINGS N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$550,000
PORT DICKINSON N Y	\$549,000
MILFORD N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$520,000
DEPOSIT N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$505,000
FRANKLIN N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$469,000
VIRGIL NEW YORK	\$450,000
BRUNSWICK N Y	\$430,000
GUILFORD N Y	\$420,000
KINDERHOOK N Y	\$370,000
SHERBURNE N Y	\$350,000
MARATHON N Y	\$340,000
ROSENDALE TOWN N Y	\$320,000
VALATIE N Y	\$310,000
LIBERTY N Y	\$255,000
BINGHAMTON TOWN N Y	\$250,000
CATSKILL N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$245,000
DICKINSON N Y	\$240,000
UNADILLA N Y	\$235,000
NORWICH N Y	\$175,000

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Jurisdiction	Investment
ELLENVILLE N Y FIRE DIST	\$170,000
OXFORD ACADEMY & CENT SCH DIST N Y	\$160,000
ROSCOE CENT SCH DIST N Y	\$145,000
NASSAU N Y	\$120,000
ROXBURY N Y	\$110,000
HARPERSFIELD N Y	\$70,000
SALES TAX ASSET RECEIVABLE CORP N Y	\$65,000
NEW YORK ST URBAN DEV CORP CORRECTIONAL & YOUTH...	\$25,000
SIDNEY N Y	\$25,000
NEW YORK ST TWY AUTH SECOND GEN HWY & BRDG TR FD	\$20,000
Total	\$116,188,242,394

Technical Notes

- This analysis is focused on "active" tax-exempt municipal bonds. Active means the bonds have yet to be repaid in full. If this analysis included bonds that have been repaid in the past several years, the total amount of investment would be considerably higher.
- Municipal bonds for each district have associated locations that either overlap with more than 5% of the district, or have more than 30% of their area located within the district.
- "Sub-state issuance" is defined as tax-exempt debt associated with obligated locations that have geographic areas less than 90% of the land area of the state. Four main types of governments are responsible for sub-state issuance: 1) local governments like cities, counties, school districts and local special districts, among others; 2) stand-alone entities within state governments that serve a geographic area smaller than the entire state, such as public university systems and public hospitals; 3) state public authorities that facilitate investments in specific geographic areas, such as housing finance agencies and development finance authorities; and 4) local and regional public authorities like port authorities and regional economic development agencies.
- "State issuance" is defined as all debt that is tax exempt and linked to an obligor location that is greater than 90% of the land area of the state. This includes borrowing by state government departments and agencies.
- For sub-state issuers with multiple locations, such as lifecare/retirement centers or charter school networks, all the system's debt issuance is included in the total investment in the district if one or more locations in the obligated group is in the district.
- The data for this analysis - from Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (ICE) Data Services - covers approximately 92% of outstanding municipal debt based on both CUSIP counts and original principal amount.
- This brief is an updated version of a brief originally published on January 31, 2025. This updated version does not include the "percent of land area covered" figure included in the earlier version. CMF removed that figure following feedback from many users who found it confusing. This updated version also includes some additional disclaimers and links to cited sources.
- These data are current as of January 23, 2025.

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Jurisdiction	Investment
PINE BUSH N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$8,905,000
DRYDEN N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$8,630,000
GREENPORT TOWN N Y	\$8,165,000
ITHACA TOWN N Y	\$8,165,000
CHARLOTTE VY CENT SCH DIST N Y DAVENPORT	\$8,095,000
CAIRO-DURHAM N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$8,074,243
SULLIVAN WEST CENT SCH DIST N Y	\$8,000,000
GROTON N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$7,570,000
SIDNEY N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$7,560,000
COOPERSTOWN N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$7,264,000
ONEONTA N Y CITY SCH DIST	\$6,970,555
STAMFORD N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$6,791,980
NEW YORK ST DORM AUTH REVS SECONDARILY INSD	\$6,500,000
EDMESTON N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$6,310,000
NEW YORK ST MUN BD BK SPL PROG REV	\$6,160,000
NEW LEBANON N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$6,004,562
LIBERTY N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$5,430,000
WOODRIDGE N Y	\$5,382,000
LAURENS N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$4,965,000
RONDOUT VY CENT SCH DIST N Y ACCORD	\$4,926,977
HARPURVILLE N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$4,843,629
BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$4,841,337
HUNTER-TANNERSVILLE N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$4,565,000
EAST GREENBUSH N Y	\$4,550,000
NEWFIELD N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$4,470,000
WINDSOR TWN N Y	\$4,450,000
CHATHAM N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$4,200,000
GROTON VILLAGE N Y	\$4,200,000
ULSTER CNTY N Y RES RECOVERY AGY SOLID WASTE SY...	\$4,045,000
LANSING TOWN N Y	\$3,955,000
KINDERHOOK N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$3,775,000
TRI-VALLEY CENT SCH DIST N Y GRAHAMSVILLE	\$3,700,000
AFTON N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$3,505,000
DELAWARE CNTY N Y	\$3,485,000
WALTON N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$3,465,000
ANDES N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$3,367,388
BERLIN N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$3,052,000
GREENE VLG NY	\$3,050,000
GREENE N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$3,030,000
THOMPSON N Y	\$2,895,000
WALTON N Y	\$2,830,000
CHENANGO N Y	\$2,795,000
FALLSBURG N Y	\$2,430,000
PINE PLAINS N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$2,360,000

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Jurisdiction	Investment
OTSEGO CNTY N Y CAP RESOURCE CORP REV	\$32,885,000
TOMPKINS-SENECA-TIOGA N Y BRD COOP EDL SVCS SOL...	\$32,000,000
NEW YORK ST DORM AUTH REVS ST SUPPORTED DEBT	\$30,565,000
BINGHAMTON N Y CITY SCH DIST	\$29,000,000
WHITNEY POINT N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$28,922,220
WINDSOR N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$26,854,000
MAINE-ENDWELL N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$26,308,630
WALLKILL N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$26,242,318
SUSQUEHANNA VY N Y CENT SCH DIST CONKLIN	\$24,282,400
SHERBURNE EARLVILLE N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$24,180,000
CHENANGO FORKS N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$24,155,000
CORTLAND N Y ENLARGED CITY SCH DIST	\$23,367,600
NEW YORK N Y CITY MUN WTR FIN AUTH REV	\$23,245,000
EAST GREENBUSH N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$22,895,000
MOUNT MARKHAM CENT SCH DIST N Y	\$21,790,000
ELLENVILLE N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$21,495,000
ENDICOTT N Y	\$20,684,000
PORT JERVIS N Y CITY SCH DIST	\$20,545,000
NEW YORK ST URBAN DEV CORP	\$20,160,000
AVERILL PK N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$19,540,245
OTEGO-UNADILLA N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$19,095,000
CHENANGO VY CENT SCH DIST N Y	\$18,932,000
GREENVILLE N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$18,630,000
ONEONTA N Y	\$18,335,000
VESTAL N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$18,328,800
TRUMANSBURG N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$16,695,000
HUDSON N Y	\$16,497,860
VESTAL N Y	\$15,705,433
WINDHAM-ASHLAND-JEWETT N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$15,350,000
CORTLAND CNTY N Y	\$15,135,000
WAWARSING N Y	\$14,700,000
JOHNSON CITY N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$14,010,000
FALLSBURG N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$13,690,000
UNION N Y	\$13,488,606
SCHODACK N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$13,400,000
MORRIS N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$13,250,000
HUDSON N Y CITY SCH DIST	\$12,975,000
NORWICH N Y CITY SCH DIST	\$12,600,000
ELDRED CENT SCH DIST N Y	\$12,070,000
TACONIC HILLS N Y CENT SCH DIST AT CRARYVILLE	\$10,575,000
UNADILLA VY N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$10,435,000
LANSING N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$9,974,000
UNION-ENDICOTT N Y CENT SCH DIST	\$9,908,000
DRYDEN TOWN N Y	\$9,460,000

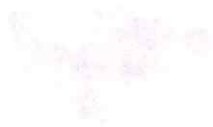
Since 1990, a total of 181 governments - including sub-state governments and state government entities - have financed projects in the New York 19th Congressional District with tax-exempt municipal bonds. Those governments and their investments are listed here:

Jurisdiction	Investment
NEW YORK N Y CITY MUN WTR FIN AUTH WTR & SWR SY...	\$25,888,175,000
NEW YORK ST DORM AUTH ST PERS INCOME TAX REV	\$22,863,790,000
NEW YORK ST DORM AUTH SALES TAX REV ST SUPPORTE...	\$11,727,620,000
NEW YORK ST URBAN DEV CORP REV	\$10,522,510,000
NEW YORK ST HSG FIN AGY REV	\$7,750,525,000
NEW YORK ST DORM AUTH REVS NON ST SUPPORTED DEBT	\$7,601,547,000
NEW YORK ST TWY AUTH ST PERS INCOME TAX REV	\$4,578,675,000
NEW YORK ST URBAN DEV CORP ST SALES TAX REV	\$3,870,130,000
NEW YORK ST ENVIRONMENTAL FACS CORP ST CLEAN WT...	\$3,751,665,000
NEW YORK ST TWY AUTH GEN REV	\$2,864,979,998
NEW YORK ST TWY AUTH GEN REV JR INDBT OBLIGS	\$2,661,095,000
NEW YORK ST MTG AGY HOMEOWNER MTG REV	\$2,107,370,000
NEW YORK ST PWR AUTH REV	\$1,570,610,000
NEW YORK ST ENVIRONMENTAL FACS CORP REV	\$1,486,445,000
NEW YORK ST PWR AUTH GREEN TRANSMISSION PROJ REV	\$1,326,630,000
METROPOLITAN TRANSN AUTH N Y DEDICATED TAX FD	\$957,705,000
NEW YORK ST	\$917,095,000
NEW YORK ST HSG FIN AGY ST PERSONAL INCOME TAX REV	\$395,700,000
NEW YORK ST ENERGY RESH & DEV AUTH POLLUTN CTL REV	\$312,500,000
BROOME CNTY N Y LOC DEV CORP REV	\$300,455,000
BROOME CNTY N Y	\$173,436,581
NEW YORK ST MTG AGY REV	\$167,190,000
ULSTER CNTY N Y	\$158,251,723
ITHACA CITY N Y	\$143,183,270
BINGHAMTON N Y	\$126,393,682
NEW YORK ST DORM AUTH REVS SECONDARY ISSUES	\$104,480,000
SULLIVAN CNTY N Y INFRASTRUCTURE LOC DEV CORP	\$101,025,000
SULLIVAN CNTY N Y	\$98,940,000
NEW YORK ST DORM AUTH REVS	\$88,180,000
TOMPKINS CNTY N Y DEV CORP REV	\$84,935,000
ITHACA CITY N Y CITY SCH DIST	\$71,125,000
GREENE CNTY N Y	\$57,290,000
TOMPKINS CNTY N Y	\$49,103,000
COLUMBIA CNTY N Y	\$42,430,000
RENSSELAER CNTY N Y	\$40,980,000
WALLKILL N Y	\$40,396,000
JOHNSON CITY N Y	\$40,171,144
TOMPKINS CNTY DEV CORP CONTINUING CARE RETIREME...	\$33,635,000

Tax-exempt municipal bonds finance many types of infrastructure. In the New York 19th, that includes:

Use of Proceeds	Investment (\$ millions)
Bridges	\$2,665.60
Courts and Courtroom Facilities	\$127.36
Economic Development	\$110.08
Electric Utilities and Public Power	\$1,776.63
Fire Stations and Equipment	\$59.61
General Purpose/Public Improvements	\$1,985.92
Government and Public Buildings	\$7.87
Higher Education	\$10.49
Hospitals	\$303.94
Libraries and Museums	\$2.74
Lifecare/Retirement Centers	\$82.02
Mass/Rapid Transit	\$296.26
Nursing Homes	\$1.88
Pollution Control	\$324.28
Primary/Secondary Education	\$2,665.34
Private Higher Education	\$1,262.16
Public Higher Education	\$557.26
Sewer	\$21.13
Solid Waste/Resource Recovery	\$3.77
Stadiums/Sports Complexes	\$0.70
Streets and Highways	\$4,374.68
Student Housing	\$36.13
Telecommunications Equipment	\$3.48
Toll Roads	\$2,518.69
Water Utilities	\$31.18
Water/Sewer Utilities	\$25,983.27
Total	\$45,212.47

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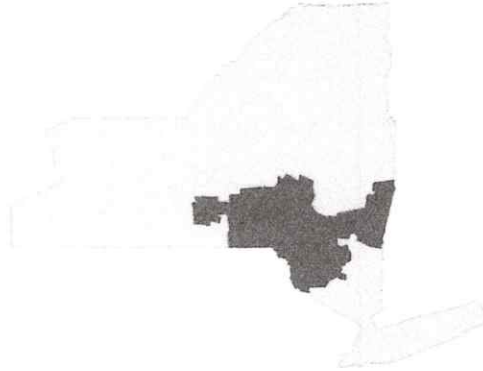
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Municipal Bonds in the New York 19th Congressional District

This analysis is based on ICE municipal bond reference and geospatial data.



Municipal bonds are the primary financing tool that state and local governments use to build roads, schools, water supply systems, public and non-profit hospitals and other public infrastructure. Today there are more than \$3.5 trillion in active municipal bonds from more than 50,000 individual governments.

Investors benefit from a federal income tax exemption on the interest earned from municipal bonds. According to recent analysis, this tax advantage reduces borrowing costs for state and local governments by an average of 54%, compared to taxable debt.

For the New York 19th Congressional District that means:

- Sub-state governments in the New York 19th have invested at least **\$45.21** billion in projects financed by active tax-exempt municipal bonds. Including New York state government projects, that total investment is **\$116.19** billion.
- District taxpayers saved at least an estimated **\$949.46** million on sub-state projects financed with tax-exempt municipal bonds since 1990. Including state government investments, the total savings was **\$2,479.60** million.
- In the New York 19th, a total of **165** sub-state governments have active tax-exempt municipal bonds. Of them, **136** have less than \$30 million of active bonds. These smaller, less frequent borrowers represent **82.4%** of the District's total sub-state borrowers.

This brief was prepared by the Center for Municipal Finance at the University of Chicago. It is based on data from ICE municipal bond reference and geospatial data. For questions or comments, see munifinance.uchicago.edu or contact Justin Marlowe (jmarlowe@uchicago.edu).

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Chip Sealing

1 message

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Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 9:48 AM

To: Skoda <ryan.skoda@columbiacountyny.com>, "Linda J. Mirabelli" <ljsnop918@gmail.com>, Betsy Albert <betsyalbertfortaghkanic@gmail.com>, Cheryl Rogers <crogers42857@gmail.com>, Doug Craig <dougfortaghkanic@gmail.com>, taghkanichighway@yahoo.com

Sharing this interesting write up from Richard Briggs, Hillsdale's Highway Superintendent, on the chip sealing process.

Enjoy the weekend!

Highway Corner

A note from Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent

I'd like to take this opportunity to address some questions I have been getting regarding the Chip Seal process.

What is Chip Seal?

Chip seal is a pavement surface treatment used to maintain and protect roads. It involves applying a thin layer of asphalt binder followed by a layer of aggregate chips. The process enhances road durability, prevents water penetration, and improves skid resistance, resulting in safer roads. Chip Seal is *not* asphalt or "black top" paving as you would see on Route 22 or Route 23 or some of our major streets like Craryville Road or Mitchell Street. As such, it gives a more rustic appearance to the road surface.

Here's how it works:

Chip Seal Process:

1. **Surface Preparation** – The existing road surface is cleaned of debris, dirt, and loose material to ensure proper adhesion.
2. **Application of Asphalt Binder** – A layer of hot liquid asphalt (or emulsion) is sprayed onto the road using a distributor truck.
3. **Aggregate Placement** – A layer of small aggregate (stone chips) is spread over the asphalt using a spreader truck.
4. **Rolling** – Rubber-tire rollers press the aggregate into the asphalt binder, improving adhesion and reducing loose chips.
5. **Curing** – The asphalt binder cures over several hours, allowing the chips to embed fully into the surface.
6. **Sweeping** – Loose chips that have not adhered are swept off the surface to ensure a smooth and safe road.
7. **Optional Fog Seal** – Sometimes, a thin layer of diluted asphalt emulsion is sprayed over the finished surface to further seal and extend its life.

Why do you use Chip seal?

I use chip seal first and foremost to increase public safety. It is also cost-effective over a long period and is an aesthetic compromise between a dirt road and asphalt paving.

There are ecological benefits also as it prevents gravel and sediment from dirt roads ending up in our wetlands and streams as well as reduces the air pollution caused by dirt roads. There are several studies available in the February agenda on the Town website you can reference for more detailed information.

Is there any oil involved in the Chip Sealing process?

No, the former name for the process of "oil and stone" is a misnomer. No oil or any substance that can leak into our waterways is used.

Will this involve town money?

No, these long-term improvements are fully reimbursed by the New York State CHIPS program. There are, however, considerable long-term savings as we won't have to replenish the gravel on a dirt road on a yearly basis.

What is the CHIPS program?

The CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) in New York State provides funding to local municipalities for the repair and improvement of roads, highways, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure. The program is administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and allocates state funds to counties, cities, towns, and villages to support local road maintenance projects. CHIPS allows towns across the state to maintain their highway budgets without significant increases to local taxes.

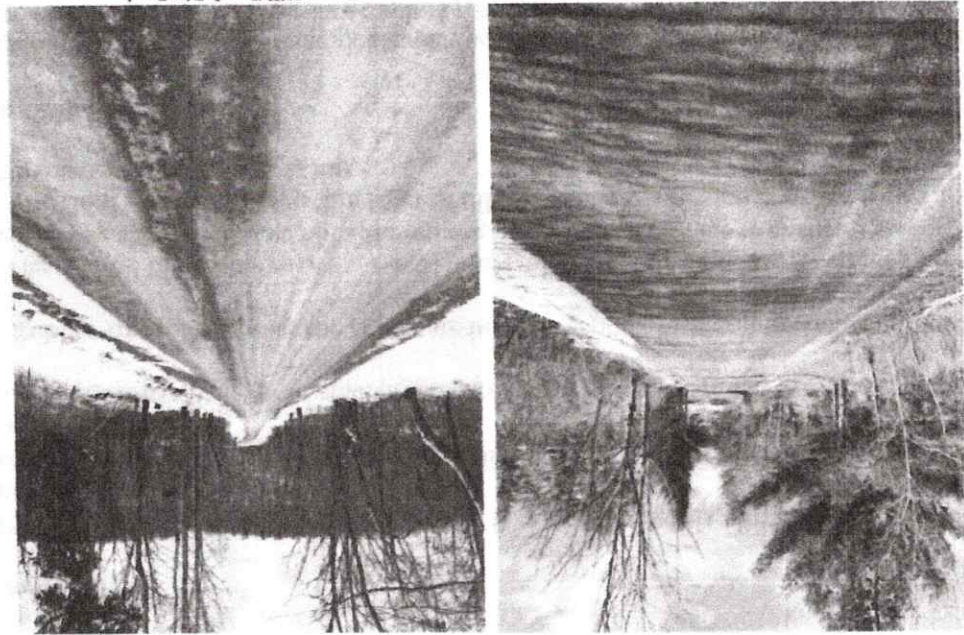
What are examples of chip sealed roads in Hillsdale?

Chip sealed roads include Herrington Road, Far View Lane and Wolf Hill Road. Attached is a recent photo of Herrington Road, which was chip sealed in 2024.

What criteria do you use to determine chip sealing schedule?

First and foremost, public safety. Then, fiscal responsibility and ecological concerns followed by aesthetics. Gravel is expensive and the price continues to rise. The cost for a single mile is \$25,500 per year and the hauling, labor and calcium to install almost doubles that price. Over the up to ten-year life span of a chip-sealed road (where we don't have to replenish the gravel), the savings to taxpayers are substantial.

If I get emails or calls about multiple flat tires, complaints about air pollution, potholes or other unsafe conditions, I take that into account. The ability of fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles to be able to navigate town roads safely and quickly also is a big consideration. It make take several years for a road to be ready for chip sealing (there's a lot of prep work that needs to be done in terms of drainage and surfacing), but I keep note of where the work is requested.



Herrington Road, Chip Sealed 2024
Pictured 2025

Texas Hill Road, Dirt Road
Pictured 2025



Holly Tanner ~ Columbia County Clerk

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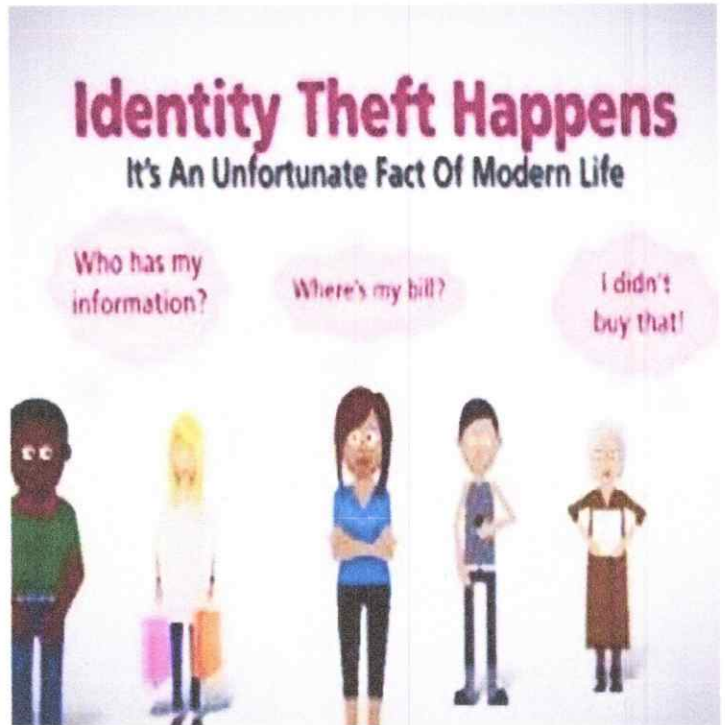
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Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe

Date: 03/10/25 - 03/21/25

**Time: Tuesday: 2-5pm, Wed 9-Noon
Thursday and Friday: 9-3pm**

**Location: Taghkanic Town Hall
909 Route 82
Ancram, NY 12502**



What Documents Should I Shred:

Bank Statements - Copies of Birth Certificates - Pay Stubs - Canceled/Voided Checks - Credit Card Bills/Receipts - Credit Reports & Histories - Expired Credit Cards & Identification Cards - Expired Passports & Visas -

Legal Documents - Insurance Documents - Tax Forms - Medical & Dental records - Utility Bills (phone, gas/electric, water, cable) - Transcripts -

Investment, Stock & Property Transactions - Employment Records - AND:

ANYTHING with your Account Numbers, Passwords, PINs, Signatures, Social Security Numbers and your Date of Birth !

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TFD 2025 Meeting Calendar (tentative)

1 message

renee nostrand (via Google Docs) <renee.nostrand@gmail.com>
Reply-To: renee nostrand <renee.nostrand@gmail.com>
To: crogers42857@gmail.com

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 12:03 PM

renee nostrand attached a document



renee nostrand (renee.nostrand@gmail.com) has attached the following document:

Cheryl

here's the calendar of meeting for the TFD 2025. Thanks

 TFD 2025 Meeting Calendar (tentative)

Snapshot of the item below:

TAGHKANIC FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners
2025 Meeting Schedule - Tentative

Location: Taghkanic Fire House, [631 Old Route 82](#)**Time:** 7:30 PM**Organizational Meeting:**

- Tuesday, January 7

Regular Meetings:

- Wednesday, February 5
- Wednesday, March 5
- Wednesday, April 2
- Wednesday, May 7
- Tuesday, June 3
- Tuesday, July 1
- Tuesday, August 5
- Tuesday, September 2
- Tuesday, October 7
- Tuesday, November 4
- Tuesday, December 2

Special Meetings:

- Tuesday, October 21 – Budget Hearing
- Tuesday, December 9 – Annual Election of Commissioners

Ryan Skoda
Supervisor
483 County Route 15
Elizaville, NY 12523

Re: WQIP Title

Supervisor Skoda,

The Columbia Land Conservancy has been awarded funding by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to acquire a parcel of land in the Town of Taghkanic to protect the Headwaters of the Taghkanic Creek watershed and create a new public area for recreation to be managed as a community forest

This funding is available through New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grants program, a statewide grant program open to local governments and not-for-profit corporation to implement projects that improve water quality. Columbia Land Conservancy received funding under WQIP Land Acquisition Projects for Source Water Protection to purchase land in order to protect drinking water supplies.

As a requirement to use WQIP funds, all land acquisition projects by a not-for-profit corporation may only proceed if the municipality in which the land is located has no objection to the project. If the municipality objects, it must do so by resolution within 90 days of notification. The municipality must notify Columbia Land Conservancy and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation of its objection. In order for the project to continue to move forward in a timely manner and to show the broad support we are hearing from community members, we would like to see the Town pass a resolution in support of the project. While this isn't required for the grant, we do want to make the state aware of the community interest and excitement for this project. Attached is a draft resolution for you to consider.

Please let this letter serve as notice to the Town of Taghkanic in accordance with WQIP Land Purchase and Conservation Easement Requirements that the Columbia Land Conservancy proposed to acquire a parcel of land, shown on the attached map, for source water protection purposes

Note that the final configuration of the lands to be purchased and their exact acreages were completed through a new survey and a lot line adjustment approved by the Taghkanic Planning Board on February 4, 2025 and filed with the County Clerk on February 5th 2025.

A CLC representative would like to attend an upcoming meeting of the Town Board (or alternative town body) to present and discuss this acquisition.

If the Town has no objection, we would appreciate the Town passing the attached resolution. If there are any questions or possible town objection to the project, we would appreciate an opportunity to hear this directly from the Town prior to any formal objection being sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. If the Town takes no

action within 90 days of this notification letter, the Columbia Land Conservancy can proceed with the acquisition.

If you have questions, please contact Columbia Land Conservancy at 518-557-1762 or Troy.Weldy@ColumbiaLand.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Troy Weldy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Troy Weldy, President

ATTACHED: Survey Map

Support or Objection letters must be delivered within 90 days of notification to:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-3508

Columbia Land Conservancy
49 Main Street
Chatham, NY 12037
Attention: Troy Weldy, President

TOWN OF TAGHKANIC

483 County Route 15

Elizaville, NY 12523

*RYAN SKODA
Town Supervisor*

*CHERYL ROGERS
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March 10, 2025

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To Whom It May Concern,

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The acquisition of this property by CLC advances a Goal 1 of the 2009 Town of Taghkanic Comprehensive Plan and specifically supports recommendation *1.2 Coordinate public/private partnership to preserve open space*. The acquisition of this property will limit development on the property, maintain natural systems, and preserve the landscape in Taghkanic.

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Sincerely,

Ryan Skoda
Supervisor

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Town of Taghkanic
Ryan Skoda, Supervisor
235 Taghkanic/Churchtown Rd
Craryville, NY 12521

CC: Andy Didio
Taconic Engineering

March 4, 2025

Dear Supervisor Skoda,

Thank you for requesting our surveying services at Taghkanic Town Hall. Our proposal for this work is below:

Scope of Work:

- A boundary survey of the property located at 909 State Route 82 (Taghkanic Town Hall) Taghkanic tax map parcel 172.-2-30.
- A topographic survey of an approximately 2 acre portion of the property, showing 2 foot elevation contours, referencing NAVD88.
- A benchmark will be set on site referencing NAVD88 vertical datum for mapping.
- Mapping will include existing structures, driveways, parking areas, walks, retaining walls and other improvements, edges of clearing areas, significant trees standing within maintained areas, and visible above ground utilities and any visible above ground encroachments.
- Deliverables will be PDF and CAD file, with stamped paper copies mailed to you.
- We will also complete a FEMA Elevation Certificate for the existing building at 909 State Rt 82.

Cost & Schedule:

The cost for the above described Scope is \$7,600, to be billed in full upon survey completion.
(\$6,600 for Survey and \$1,000 for Elevation Certificate)

We would be able to complete the survey within approximately 6-8 weeks from your authorization to proceed. We would complete our fieldwork for the elevation certificate in conjunction with our survey fieldwork, however it's completion timeframe would be dependent on FEMA's response.

The above proposed cost and schedule provided are good for 10 days from the date of this proposal.

As this project progresses, and additional surveying services may be needed, I would be happy to issue proposals for any next steps to the project including construction layout services, as-built surveying, or as-built Elevation Certificate.

I want to thank you again for considering us for this project. For us to begin work we ask for a signature from you to accept this proposal. When contacting our office regarding this project, please reference job number **S2723**.

Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions or comments and thanks again for contacting us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dustin James", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dustin James, Land Surveyor
Crawford and Associates

X

I hereby authorize Crawford and Associates to begin survey work as described above (Please sign above and print name)



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CONTRACT FOR LAND SURVEYING SERVICES

C&A # S2723

Date: 4/4/2025

Location: 909 State Rte 82, Taghkanic NY

Crawford & Associates Engineering & Land Surveying PC, hereinafter referred to as **ENGINEER/SURVEYOR**

as requested by: **The Town of Taghkanic**

hereinafter referred to as **CLIENT**:

I. SCOPE of SERVICES: The services to be provided shall be as indicated below:

See proposal

II. FEE: The fee for the above described services will be one or more of the following:

Total sum of **\$7,600**

Hourly basis plus expenses as per the attached SCHEDULE OF RATES & FEES.

Other

A retainer in the amount of _____ will be required prior to the initiation of the above described services. This retainer amount will be credited to the client in the final billing for the aforementioned services.

III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: The following special conditions shall pertain:

IV. FURNISHING OF DOCUMENTS: The following quantity of drawings, estimates, and specifications are to be furnished by the Engineer/Surveyor:

See proposal

V. ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE: The estimated completion date of the aforementioned services is: approximately 6-8 weeks

VI. In the event that the Engineer/Surveyor is obstructed or delayed in the completion of said services by any act of the client or the client's agents or be any act beyond the control of the Engineer/Surveyor including, but not limited to, inclement weather, illness, strikes, failure of equipment, unanticipated degree of difficulty encountered in performing said

services, or delay created within or by approving agencies, then the time herein fixed for the completion of the services shall be extended for a period of time equivalent of the time lost by reason of any or all of the aforementioned causes.

- VI. **TERMINATION:** This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon five (5) days written notice by mutual consent or in the event of persistent failures of performance of material terms and conditions of this Agreement by the other party through no fault of the terminating party. The Engineer/Surveyor shall then be paid for the services completed up to the time of the termination date based upon the above described fees.
- VII. **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS:** All documents, including original drawings, estimates, specifications, field notes and data are and shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the Engineer/Surveyor as instruments of service. The client may, at his expense, obtain record prints of drawings, in consideration of which the client will use them solely in connection with the above described project and not for the purpose of making subsequent extensions or enlargements thereto.
- VIII. **PAYMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, payment for the above described services shall be due upon receipt of billing. In the event that said account is unpaid after the thirtieth day subsequent to the date of the billing, the client shall be subject to a monthly service charge of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) on the then unpaid balance (18% true annual rate). In the event that any portion of all this account remains unpaid ninety (90) days subsequent to the first billing date, the client shall pay all costs of collection including reasonable attorney's fees.
- IX. **AMENDMENT of AGREEMENT:** This Agreement may be amended only in writing signed by the client and Engineer/Surveyor.
- X. **APPLICABLE LAW:** Unless otherwise specified, this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York.
- XI. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITIES:** The client agrees to limit the Engineer/Surveyor's liability to the client and to all construction contractors and subcontractors on the project due to the Engineer/Surveyor negligent acts, errors, or omissions, such that the total aggregate liability of the Engineer/Surveyor's to all those named shall not exceed \$40,000.00 or the Engineer/Surveyor's total fee for services rendered on this project up to \$1,000,000.00, whichever is greater.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, client and engineer and/or surveyor have executed this Agreement.

Signed:

Engineer/Surveyor

Date: _____

Client

Date: _____

This offer for services, unless accepted, will expire on:

See proposal

Patrick J. Prendergast, P.E.

Consulting Engineer

127 Fordham Road
Valatie, New York 12184
(518)758-7500
pprender@nycap.rr.com

February 19, 2025

Town of Taghkanic
Attention: Mr. Eric Gaylord
Highway Superintendent
972 CR 27
Ancram, NY 12502

RE: Culvert Inspection
Reservoir Road
Project No. 25760

Dear Mr. Gaylord:

This letter is in reference to our site visit of this date to examine an existing culvert. The culvert is located down-stream of the dam that forms the city of Hudson's water supply. Overflow from the dam forms a stream that passes through this culvert.

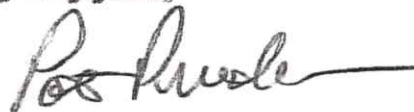
The culvert appears to be formed and cast in place. There were no design plans available. The span is between 8 and 10 feet across. The culvert is at least 50 or more years old. There is no guiderail.

The headwalls are in poor condition. The east wall is severely undermined from erosion. One of the down-stream wing walls has fallen in the stream.

As this section of road is not needed to serve either existing residences or the city of Hudson, I would recommend blocking access to it. The culvert should be repaired or replaced but should not be left in service as is.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,



Patrick J. Prendergast, P.E.

PJP/dlp