

## **Town of Lima – Proposed Water District Fact Sheet & FAQ's**

### ***Why Create a Water District?***

A water district is a special use district required by Town Law where a specific area of the Town receives a specific benefit. The cost for receiving this benefit is borne solely on the property owners in that specific area.

### ***Proposed District Area***

The proposed service area includes all roadways currently without access to public water, depicted with red lines on the map.

### ***Public Costs***

The “District” will be responsible for the construction of the water main and service connections within the public right-of-way. The capital costs associated with the “District” are paid for by the property owners in the district. The annual payment per unit is based on the amount of grants received, interest rate, and term of the loan from the funding agency. The annual payment is included on your property tax bill. The estimated total cost of the project is between \$20,000,000 and \$23,000,000.

### ***Private Capital Costs***

The service line from your property line to your house or business will cost between \$15 and \$20 per linear foot. Additional costs will include internal plumbing and well abandonment, estimated to vary between \$500 and \$1,000. Note these costs could be lower if you perform all or a portion of the work. Commercial properties will also require the installation of a backflow prevention device.

### ***Water Costs***

Each home or business owner will be responsible for their own water bill, based on the actual consumption and the water rate. The water will be supplied by the City of Rochester through the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority, at a tentative rate of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons along with base charge of \$37 per quarter. The typical single family residential home uses 60,000 gallons of water per year. Based on the water rates described above, the average annual cost per year for a single-family residential home is \$358.

### ***Total Annual Cost***

The total annual cost includes the annual debt associated with the “District” portion of the capital cost and the cost of the water itself. We currently estimate the annual debt service to be between \$542 and \$842 per year. **Combined with the water cost, the total annual cost is estimated to be between \$900 and \$1,200 per year, or \$75 to \$100 per month.** The actual amount will depend on the funding package that is received.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

1. If the proposed District moves forward, will we be required to connect to the public water? *Connection to the public water is optional and you will only pay for usage if you connect.*
2. Will the annual debt service be charged regardless of hookup? *Yes, eligible property owners within the District will be required to pay the debt whether they hookup or not.*
3. What are the anticipated water pressures? *The pressure will be between 45 and 95 psi, depending on the elevation of your home or business.*
4. Can I keep my private well? *You can keep your well, however this will require you to install a backflow prevention device, or separate plumbing.*
5. Will fire protection be provided and if yes, will my homeowners insurance cost go down? *Yes, fire hydrants will be located every 600 to 700 feet. Insurance companies typically do offer discounts, but the actual amount will vary.*
6. Will vacant parcels be required to pay debt service? *Only vacant parcels that can be developed, meaning the lot is sized appropriately per zoning or it is located outside of a NYS Certified Ag-District, will be charged.*