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Senator Hinchey and Assemblymember Barrett Announce \$250,000 to Upgrade South Millbrook Pump Station

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Pictured: Senator Michelle Hinchey, Assemblymember Didi Barrett, Millbrook Village Mayor Tim Collopy, VRI Environmental Services Area Manager Scott Osborn, Millbrook Village Trustees Vicky Contino, and Patrick Murphy.

State Grant Secured by Hinchey and Barrett Will Help Ensure Efficient Wastewater Connections to Millbrook Homes and Businesses

MILLBROOK, NY – Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Didi Barrett today announced that they have secured \$250,000 through two state grants to help replace the South Millbrook Wastewater Pump Station, which will enhance its efficiency in managing the flow of wastewater from local homes and businesses. The rehabilitation will involve the

replacement of the pump, the installation of a new generator for emergency backup power, and site modifications to position the pump above the existing floodplain.

Wastewater pump stations play a vital role in averting sewage system backups, thereby minimizing the risk of contamination and potential public health hazards. In challenging terrains like the South Millbrook Pump location, these stations employ powerful pumps to elevate wastewater to higher levels, ensuring it reaches treatment facilities for proper processing. The financial support delivered by Hinchey and Barrett will be instrumental in the Village's effort to upgrade the equipment at the Pump Station, which has reached the end of its useful life.

Hinchey and Barrett were joined at the Millbrook Village Water Department on Thursday by Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy, Deputy Mayor Peter Doro, VRI Environmental Services Plant Manager Scott Osborn, and Millbrook Village Trustees Mike Herzog, Vicky Contino, and Patrick Murphy.

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "I'm proud to deliver funding to the Village of Millbrook, which will help ensure safe wastewater service for local homes and businesses and translate to savings for residents. Across New York State, the cost to replace and repair our aging water and wastewater infrastructure can be an astronomical burden for communities, and it's incumbent upon our state to support municipalities like Millbrook in making these critical upgrades. I'm thrilled to be able to help Millbrook replace its pump station and thank Assemblymember Barrett for her partnership in securing these joint funds."

"Water and sewer infrastructure is critical to addressing many of the priorities of our region, including housing, economic development and health and wellness," **said Assemblymember Didi Barrett.** "I was pleased to partner with Senator Hinchey to secure \$250,000 in state

funding to replace the Village of Millbrook's pump station, an upgrade that will improve public health and save taxpayer dollars in this charming and vibrant village center!"

Village of Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy said, "On behalf of the residents of the Village of Millbrook, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Assemblymember Didi Barrett and Senator Michelle Hinchey, who were able to secure a combined \$250K towards the replacement of our aged sewer pump station in South Millbrook. In addition to replacing the 25-year-old pump, this grant also allows us to install a backup generator on-site to ensure continuous operation, even during power outages. People usually don't want to consider repairs to a sewer system (until it fails!), so I appreciate the foresight shown by the Senator and Assemblymember in coming to our aid for this key infrastructure investment - thank you!"

Plant Manager at VRI Environmental Services Scott Osborn said, "Replacing aging infrastructure in the Village of Millbrook Wastewater Treatment System has been part of our focus for many years. I'd like to thank Assemblymember Barrett and Senator Hinchey for helping the Village with this project. This new pump station will allow for more efficient operation and maintenance and serve the Village for several decades."

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