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James L. Seward

Seward Announces \$130k Grant For Herkimer Infrastructure Project

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HERKIMER, 10/27/14 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced that a \$130,000 state grant he secured will assist with construction costs to shore up East German Street Extension along the West Canada Creek in the Town of Herkimer. Senator Seward made the announcement at the construction site as work on the project commenced.

“When you get right down to it, the first priority of a public official is the safety of those he represents,” said Senator Seward. **“This grant is a key component of the funding needed to move**

this construction project forward and protect homes and infrastructure along East German Street Extension.”

The multi-modal funding secured by Senator Seward will be used to help fund repairs to East German Street Extension, protecting homes and infrastructure while allowing the Town of Herkimer to take on the project without placing a substantial burden on local property taxpayers.

Town of Herkimer Supervisor Dominic Frank said, “The Town of Herkimer has been seeking funds for some time to make these repairs without overwhelming our budget. Senator Seward’s assistance is key to moving this project forward and ensuring the safety of those who live on East German Street Extension.”

The total project cost is estimated at \$465,548. The Town of Herkimer has also been awarded a grant of \$50,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and a low-interest loan from the USDA will be used to cover the remaining balance.

“Once complete, this project will mean peace of mind for those who live on East German Street Extension, and will also ensure reliable utilities for other area homes and businesses. By using grant funds to pay for a considerable portion of the project, the impact on the Town of Herkimer budget will be minimal leaving local dollars for other pressing community needs,” Seward concluded.