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9.8.20 - Senator Akshar, Supervisor Marinaccio announce completion of water infrastructure improvements in the Town of Dickinson

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(DICKINSON, N.Y.) — Senator Fred Akshar and Town of Dickinson Supervisor Mike Marinaccio on Tuesday joined town officials to announce the completion of a major water infrastructure improvement project in the Town of Dickinson.

In August of 2019, the Town of Dickinson experienced 15 water breaks over a three week

period due to failing infrastructure, leading to road erosion and interruptions to town residents' water supplies.

While the Town was able to replace over 1,000 feet of pipe through ongoing infrastructure improvements, Senator Fred Akshar was able to secure over \$1 million in funding through the Department of Health to help replace over 6,600 additional feet of piping in need of replacement without raising taxes or water rates to residents.

The finished project came in under budget.

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"It seems rare in government to see announcements for completed infrastructure projects, and rarer still to see projects coming in under budget, but that's what we're announcing today in the Town of Dickinson," said Senator Fred Akshar. "Clean, dependable water and good infrastructure are essential for communities to thrive and grow. Supervisor Marinaccio and local town officials approached us with this need and my team and I worked to find the resources to help them complete their project. We're proud to play a small part in helping replace aging infrastructure and keep costs down for local residents."

"The Town of Dickinson is extremely grateful to Senator Akshar and his staff for their work in making this grant become a reality," said Supervisor Michael Marinaccio. "This is a major water line replacement project and this grant was essential for its completion."

Last year Governor Cuomo announced similar grants water structure improvements in the Southern Tier, for the following municipalities:

Town of Campbell -- \$2,731,277

Village of Canisto -- \$3,000,000

Elmira Water Board -- \$3,000,000

Village of Horseheads -- \$3,000,000

Village of Owego -- \$175,000

Village of Walton -- \$1,200,000

Village of Waverly -- \$3,000,000