



# Town of Clifton Park

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«OWNERS\_NAMES»

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«CITY», «ST» «ZIP»

RE: Ballston Lake Sewer Referendum  
For Your Property at: «PARCEL\_ADDRESS»  
August 17, 2020 Noon – 8:00 PM  
Ballston Lake Fire House

Dear «Greeting»:

This letter is intended to provide you with an update on the Clifton Park-Ballston Lake sewer project, and to make you aware of a public referendum which will take place on August 17, 2020. The project is a joint initiative with the Town of Ballston, which was initially approved by the Town Boards of both Towns in September of 2015. Voters approved the project on October 14, 2015, through referendum. The cost of the Clifton Park portion was estimated by engineers at \$1,450,000. The cost to homeowners was approved at \$910.00 annually, for debt service and sewer charges.

Since then, the project has received two separate grants from state environmental funding sources and competitive bids have been received for the joint project. As a result, based on those bids, we now know that the total cost of Clifton Park's portion of the project will be \$2,355,000. Critically, the cost to homeowners has not changed. That figure remains \$910.00 annually, due to the state grants which were designed to offset the increased costs.

I am enclosing a table that displays all expenses and funding sources, which identifies details for the entire project as well as solely the Clifton Park portion. Per NYS law, we will publish two cost figures before approving a special district: (1) Total cost of the project; and (2) annual cost to each homeowner. As the first of these figures has increased since the approval in 2015, both Towns are completing the process again, which culminates with your vote.

Therefore, we have scheduled a public referendum on the project for August 17, 2020 at the Ballston Lake Fire House, 1125 Route 146A, Ballston Lake, from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM. The official referendum language is as follows:

## PROPOSITION No. 1

- 1. Shall Town Board Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ of 2020, approved by the Clifton Park Town Board on June 15, 2020, authorizing the establishment of the Ballston Lake Sewer*

*District No. 1, which encompasses a sewer collection system in the Town of Clifton Park, in conjunction with a similar system within the Town of Ballston, in accordance with a Map, Plan and Report adopted by the Town Board on September 8, 2015, with properties benefitted generally described as beginning at the southern end at the boundary line between Clifton Park and the Town of Ballston near the intersection of Schauber Road and Ballston Lake Road, including four parcels with frontage on Ballston Lake Road and/or Mill Road (SBL # 257-1-24;SBL 257-1-3;SBL 257-1-30; and SBL 257-1-6.1), more particularly described on EXHIBIT A, attached, at an estimated maximum cost of \$2,355,000, which is to be financed a New York State Water Fund Grant, a New York State Water Quality Improvement Grant, and by the issuance of Bonds of the Town of Ballston to secure a 30 year loan from the New York State Clean Water State Revolving Fund, with properties within the Clifton Park District assessed costs on a benefit basis and with the estimated cost of the district to the typical property, a single family home, being \$910.00 per year, and which sewer district is dependent upon an affirmative referendum vote in the Town of Ballston approval of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller, Be Approved?*

Q: Who can vote?

A: Pursuant to Section 209-(e)(3) of the New York State Town Law, all persons listed as owners on deeds to property within the proposed district are entitled to vote. Thus, if spouses or siblings are listed on the deed, each person is entitled to vote. Individuals owning more than one parcel, are accorded one (1) vote. Partnerships or corporations, likewise, are also entitled to only one (1) vote.

All documents, including the tentative list of eligible voters, as well as the Map, Plan and Report for the proposed district in Clifton Park, and the resolutions establishing the proposed district and scheduling the referendum vote are available at the Town's website at [www.cliftonpark.org](http://www.cliftonpark.org) Sewer Department page.

Sincerely,

Phil Barrett  
Town Supervisor