Schedule of Fees

Debt service for the construction of the system would be assessed on sewer district property taxes on an Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) basis, similar to the Town's Verona Sewer District.

An EDU is defined as an equivalent dwelling unit. An EDU is an assessment used by the Town of Verona to establish unit charges that are applicable to you, the property owner.

A single family household will be charged (1) EDU while a buildable vacant lot will be charged 0.5 EDU. Agricultural vacant lots that do not receive a service will be charged 0 EDU. Properties such as apartments, campgrounds, commercial land and restaurants may be assessed multiple EDUs.

In addition to debt service on property tax bills, quarterly sewer bills would be sent to all users which would pay for sewer treatment, operational costs and system reserves, collectively referred to as Operations & Maintenance costs (O&M). Billing would be a flat rate based on EDU's for each property.

The 2022 state-wide annual average Town Sewer District Cost, including debt and O&M, was $694 per EDU. The historical average up to 2020 (before COVID) was $800-$850 per EDU, and that is thought to be a more realistic goal for total annual user costs for this project.

FAQs

How much power will my grinder pump use?

A grinder pump will typically use around $30 per year in power. Grinder pumps in perspective:

Appliance	Typical Annual Usage (kWh)
Air Conditioner	2000
Refrigerator	750
Residential Grinder Pump	200
Coffee Maker	100
Vacuum Cleaner	45

What happens during power outages?

Natural forced water conservation will occur. There is 70 gallons of storage available in the grinder pump basin. Manufacturer's study has shown that 70 gallons is adequate storage for an average family for 97% of national power outages. The pump panel installed at each property would have a generator outlet for the owner's use.

For any questions or concerns,
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Town of Verona

Proposed Durhamville Sewer District



The Town of Verona is providing this brochure for your information concerning the Proposed Durhamville Sewer District. We understand that there are many questions and concerns regarding this potential sewer district, and although this brochure cannot answer every question, it is our hope that this is a useful tool for you.

Proposed Durhamville Sewer District

What

A new sewer district consisting of more than 5 miles of low-pressure sewer collector main piping and approximately 230 individual grinder pumps.

Who

The project would provide sewer collection to approximately 223 properties within the Hamlet of Durhamville.

Where

The sewage collection system's main collector pipes would run along Main St. and Center St., with branches along Church St., John St., Foster St., Broad St., Fox St., Clinton St., Lafayette St., Railroad St., NYS Rt 46, Charles St., Randel Rd., and Kotary Rd. The collector mains would converge on Oneida Street, and then continue along Lake Street for discharge to the existing City of Oneida sewer system.

Individual grinder pump basins would be installed in the yard of every property to be served. Each property would be assessed by the engineer and an individual grinder pump layout would be developed for every property. Grinder pumps would generally be located as close to where the building's sewer pipe exits the structure as possible. All costs for installation of the grinder pump would be paid by the Town under the project, including decommissioning all private septic tanks per DOH standards. This is an updated proposal from the 2010 proposed sewer project where a large up front financial burden was placed on the homeowner; this proposed project focus is directed more on the environmental impact and health of the residents of Durhamville.

When

Year	Project Step
2023	Income Survey Completion
	State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)
	Sewer District Formation (subject to referendum by petition) Bond Resolution
	Loan and Grant Funding Applications
2024	Design
	Permitting
	Bid and Award Construction Contracts
2025	Construction / System Activation



How

The estimated total project cost is $10.2 million. In order to make the project affordable the Town Board will pursue grants through the NYS Water Infrastructure Investment Act (WIIA), NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) and New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs, along with subsidized interest loans through the EPA State Revolving Fund Program and USDA Rural Development.

Why

There have been reports from residents of private septic system failures in the Hamlet of Durhamville. Over 20 years ago, Oneida County DOH documented numerous connections of septic systems in the Hamlet to a storm drain that discharges to Oneida Creek. This situation is not sustainable, and in response the Town is undertaking this sanitary sewer initiative in an effort to alleviate both the environmental concerns and potential code violations associated with partially treated sewage being discharged into local waterbodies

What You Can Do Now

Many funding programs are based on financial need as evidenced by median household income. The Town will be conducting an income survey to verify the sewer service area's income status and to determine if the project will qualify for financial hardship-based grants and zero-percent interest loans. This survey is critical to move forward with pursuing grant funding and ultimately complete the proposed project, providing a higher quality of life for the residents of Durhamville.