

FY2010 Department of Interior, Environment & Related Agencies

Federal Funding Requests

Senator Charles E. Schumer

Allegany County Board of Legislators; Belmont, NY; \$3,740,000

Funds would be used for installation of potable water and waste water infrastructure. The Crossroads Sewer/Water Project is an endeavor being sponsored in the County of Allegany, State of New York, by the Allegany County Board of Legislators which is intended to provide the infrastructure necessary to deliver potable water. This project should generate up to 75 jobs.

Binghamton Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facility; Vestal, NY; \$137,500

This project would identify, evaluate, and design sources for back up power in order to keep the plant functioning. Backup power would help to ensure continuous operation of the wastewater facility and protection of the environment.

Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy; Buffalo, NY; \$750,000

Funding would be used for the reconstruction of historic park building (listed on the Register of Historic Places) for year-round use including youth education, cultural programming and community events.

Buffalo Sewer Authority; Buffalo, NY; \$1,650,000

The project would replace a 20" diameter combined sewer with a 48" combined sewer on Hopkins Street between Amber Street and South Park Avenue. The project would reduce combined sewer overflows to the Buffalo River and upgrade an outdated sewer.

Chautauqua County; Mayville, NY; \$3,300,000

Funds would be used for construction of a leachate collection system. This project consists of capping the oldest cell (Phase I) at the Chautauqua County Landfill. Under the proposed project, the gas collection efficiency will be increased resulting in the reduction of fugitive emissions and air quality improvement for the people residing in the vicinity of the landfill.

City of Auburn; Auburn, NY; \$3,025,000

Funding would be used for critical upgrades of the road, sewer and water infrastructure. This project can have an immediate impact on saving jobs. Infrastructure upgrades would help the City to create jobs by allowing the City an opportunity to recruit new businesses to move to Technology Park.

City of Binghamton; Binghamton, NY; \$261,250

Requested funds would be used for stormwater management and sanitary sewer improvements. This project would enhance water quality within the local watershed,

thereby promoting and supporting regional commercial and residential, economic development.

City of Jamestown; Jamestown, NY; \$2,900,000

Funds would be used for the rehabilitation of an existing rail station and the design and construction of an approximately 3,156-foot extension to an existing trail. The structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Structures (NRHS No. 02NR05022). The Jamestown Gateway Intermodal and Visitor's Center /Connector Trail Project will serve as the regional hub for public transit in Southern Chautauqua County by offering safe and secure ticketing, waiting, and service facilities. The project is located in an economically distressed census tract that is beginning to show signs of recovery thanks to recent investments of private, philanthropic, and public funding.

City of Long Beach; Long Beach, NY; \$2,750,000

Funds would be used to replace the city's 1.0 million gallon steel standpipe, which was built in 1910. An inspection, done in May, 2006, revealed severe corrosion damage and leaking of critical structures that supply the city with drinking water.

City of Middletown; Middletown; \$165,000

Funds would be used to replace and service 100 year old water valves. This is a potential health and safety issue as, in the event of water main breaks, large areas of the city do not have water for health and fire fighting needs.

City of Oneonta; Oneonta, NY; \$550,000

Funds would be used to repair and/or replace six Rotating Bacterial Contactors (RBC's) that have various mechanical failures. The 9 current RBC's were constructed in 1994 and only 3 are working. The six others have various mechanical failures and need to be repaired or replaced so that the City can continue to meet NYSDEC treatment standards.

City of Rome; Rome, NY; \$4,400,000

Funding would be used for construction of a new 20 MG storage tank and finished water lift station, a new 10 MG storage tank, and additional projects related to the distribution system, water treatment plant and watershed facilities.

County of Nassau; Mineola, NY; \$16,500,000

This project is to complete a TDR for the relocation of the BPSTP outfall from local waterway to the ocean. The relocation will result in the removal of all point sources in the Western Bay and thus provide a significant environmental improvement. Currently, outfall from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) discharges into Reynolds Channel, which is part of the South Shore Estuary Reserve, located on Long Island, New York. Moving the outfall from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant from Reynolds Channel will improve the water quality and long-term health and sustainability of the South Shore Estuary Reserve.

County of Onondaga; Syracuse, NY; \$51,000,000

Funds would be used for the Onondaga Lake Improvement Project. A revitalized and improved lake and tributary system would allow increased recreational usage of llocal

waterways and be a major economic engine to improve the local economy in this hard pressed area.

Goodwill Theatre Inc.; Johnson City, NY; \$600,000

Funds would be used for rehabilitation and interior stabilization of Nationally Registered landmark Goodwill Theatre. This project includes predominantly interior work for stabilization of the anchor theatre building property and completion of the final planning documents needed for the Goodwill Theatre Performing Arts center and Professional Training Academy.

Manchester-Shortsville Joint Sewer Commission; Manchester, NY; \$1,500,000

Funds would be used to upgrade existing Waste water treatment plant; purchase new headworks facility; install new self-priming pumps (with expansion capabilities); new controls; new generator; and a new forcemain.

Martin House Restoration Corporation; Buffalo, NY; \$1,000,000

Funds would be used for a complete interior restoration of the Darwin Martin House including modern mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, restoration of plaster, paint and wood finishes, as well as restoration and replication of historic furnishings and art glass. Martin House is a National Historic Landmark.

Niagara Falls Water Board; Niagara Falls, NY; \$5,000,000

Funds would be used for infrastructure upgrades to the Niagara Falls Water Board's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Water Board maintains a water & sewer infrastructure that is roughly the same size it was in 1960, a time when the customer base was over double the current size. The result has been high water & sewer charges on a population with a very depressed income levels.

North Country Cultural Center for the Arts; Plattsburgh, NY; \$800,000

Funds would be used to restore the Historic 1924 Strand Theatre for use as a performing arts center and to serve as the lynchpin of the Plattsburgh Downtown Revitalization Project (now underway). This Theatre is on the National Register of historic places.

Richardson Center Corporation; Buffalo, NY; \$13,809,586

The Richardson Center Corporation is rehabilitating the National Historic Landmark Richardson Olmsted Complex. Funding will be utilized for the following capital improvements: preparation of the buildings and grounds for a regional Architecture Center, City of Buffalo Visitor Center, and boutique hotel, including building stabilization and preparation for a developer, and a rehabilitated landscape.

Saratoga Hospital; Saratoga Springs, NY; \$943,800

Funds would be used to extend a water line approximately 1 mile to the Saratoga Medical Park at Malta site. The water line extension would help ready the Saratoga Medical Park at Malta (SMPM) for development; or SMPM to reach its full potential of 1,000,000 square feet and up to 2,000 jobs, utilities must be available at this site.

Suffolk County Water Authority; Oakdale, NY; \$12,191,724

Funds would be used to build a 15-mile aqueduct that would bring additional water to the VA Hospital in Northport, where there are serious nitrate issues, from the Commack area, where nitrate levels are not an issue. This would mitigate the cost of removing nitrates, which requires large amounts of electricity and filtering machinery.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission; Harrisburg, PA; \$400,000

The “NSIP Susquehanna River Basin Gages” project is intended to provide additional funding to the United States Geological Survey’s (USGS) National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP) to cover the costs of operation and maintenance of certain stream and river gages that are critically important to the Susquehanna Flood Forecast and Warning System (SFFWS). The gages targeted by this project face discontinuation due to lack of funding. The loss of data from the subject stream gages will have long-term serious impacts to the ability of the SFFWS to provide timely and accurate forecasts. Emergency managers and the general public have come to rely on the SFFWS during extreme hydrologic events to make important decisions that protect lives and reduce damages during flood events.

Syracuse Area Landmark Theatre, Inc.; Syracuse, NY; \$1,500,000

The project would expand the existing stage house and reconstruct a larger stage house and support services to accommodate a greater variety of performance. Historic aspects would be preserved for future generations. The facility was permanently listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. This request meets the criteria of Urban Development as a catalyst for revitalization of Downtown Syracuse and a means to bring tourism and entertainment dollars into the area.

Town of Owasco; Auburn, NY; \$2,774,200

This project involves extension of sanitary sewers to the lakeshore area in the proposed Sewer District No. 3. The end result would be that all properties will be served by sanitary sewers rather than private septic systems, which are prone to failure.

Town of Putnam Valley; Putnam Valley, NY; \$1,000,000

Funds would be used to restore a natural 2 mile lake which is currently impaired as defined in section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. Lake Oscawana is a natural two mile lake entirely within the town of Putnam Valley, NY. The lake has been declining in water quality for the last 40 years due to phosphate overload (from many sources) creating excessive algal growth.

Town of Riverhead; Riverhead, NY; \$3,500,000

The Calverton rail spur rehabilitation project is smart growth and central to the adaptive reuse strategy for the Calverton Enterprise Park. It will have immediate measurable results, such as improved rail service and reduced highway construction.

Town of Sullivan; Chittenango, NY; \$4,000,000

This project involves the installation of public sanitary sewers in the Hamlet of Bridgeport, particularly along the shoreline of Oneida Lake. At present, the area is served by private septic systems, which are prone to failure.

Town of Wawarsing; Ellenville, NY; \$3,690,000

Funds would be used for the expansion of capacity of a local sewer system to allow for economic growth in the town of Wawarsing. Napanoch's current sewer system was originally designed under a 525,000 gallon/day permit to mainly service the Eastern Correctional Jail Facility. The facility's current usage fluctuates but hovers, on average, near the 525,000 gallon/day capacity, and on some days far exceeds it. New development pressures in the town are being placed on the system that will push it past its average maximum capacity.

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust; Watertown, NY; \$1,250,000

Funds would be used to develop a management tool for the Tug Hill Aquifer with the US Geological Survey, to promote economic development and environmental protection of the ground-water and surface water resource within the aquifer region. The Tug Hill Aquifer is a major regional ecologic and economic asset to over 50,000 citizens, and supports public water supplies, regional fish hatchery, and dozens of farms and industries. It provides baseflow for numerous Class A trout streams and ecological habitat for rare species.

Village of Brockport; Brockport, NY; \$1,400,000

Funds would be used to replace water mains and sanitary sewer lines along Brockport's Main Street. The New York State Department of Transportation mandated this project as an antecedent of its rehabilitation of Brockport's Main Street, slated for 2010.

Village of Canastota; Canastota, NY; \$3,800,000

Funds would be used for construction of a new pump station, grit/screening facility, 0.5 million gallon wet weather storage tank and conveyance piping; conversion of the existing pump station to a storage facility; and upgrades to the existing water pollution control plant. The Village of Canastota's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) was constructed in 1966. Since that time, the Village has undertaken various measures to reduce the amount of effluent overflow into Canastota Creek, which empties into nearby Oneida Lake.

Village of Owego Sewer Department; Owego, NY; \$2,255,000

This project would separate existing combined sewer systems into two separate systems: one for storm water and the other for sanitary wastewater. In the current system, both sanitary waste and storm water are carried by the same trunk line. The separation into two sewer systems would eliminate sewer overflows that occur during periods of heavy rains.

Water Environment Research Foundation; Alexandria, VA; \$7,000,000

Funding will support WERF's national program of water quality research in such areas as green infrastructure, watershed planning, biosolids handling and impacts of climate change. Since its founding in 1989, WERF has played a key role in producing improvements in human and ecological health, new water quality processes and technology, and, in concert with the U.S. EPA, substantial savings for the regulated community. Through collaboration with research universities, municipal authorities and

its corporate and industrial Subscribers, WERF conducts the only national program of research that produces cost effective, innovative and scientifically sound methods that help local agencies and companies meet their water quality responsibilities.