

*Congressman Used Position on House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior to Obtain Funds, Which Will Help Promote Economic Growth in the Village*

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today secured final congressional approval of his request for the Village of Saugerties to receive \$800,000 in federal funding to improve and replace parts of its aging wastewater lines. The congressman used his position on the House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee to have the funds included as part of the fiscal year 2010 Interior Appropriations bill. The Senate will pass the bill in the coming days. The measure will then be sent to the White House where President Obama is expected to sign it into law.

"Investing in much-needed improvements to Saugerties wastewater system will create jobs, save local taxpayers from having to cover the entire bill, and help spur economic growth in the long-term in Saugerties," Hinchey said. "I am very pleased to have secured these federal funds, which will enable the upgrading of the wastewater infrastructure in the Village of Saugerties to move forward so that residents and businesses will be able to depend on a new, modernized system."

The funds will support engineering and the phased improvement and replacement of wastewater collection lines in the village, which are more than 100 years old and have been experiencing leaks and breaks. The project is central to the village's commercial future, providing adequate wastewater service to more than 30 retail businesses, supporting vitally needed economic development.

The Village of Saugerties Sewer Department has identified three areas within the sanitary sewage collection system that are in need of rehabilitation or replacement: a portion of the original system runs under Route 9W from Barley Street south to Overbaugh Street; a second portion of the sanitary system on Route 9W or Partition Street (Main Street to bridge) is in the center of the business district of the Village of Saugerties; and a third major portion of the original system that needs repair extends from Myers Lane to West Bridge Street thru easements.

The village intends to utilize the cured in place pipe (CIPP) method of rehabilitating the wastewater lines. Under this procedure, the sewers are jet cleaned and have a cured in place

liner installed within the sewer main. All work, except major repairs, is accomplished without excavation, through existing manholes. This method of rehabilitating sewers is very cost effective and much less disruptive than replacing sewers by previously used methods.

The project is critical to the village's commercial future, providing adequate wastewater service to more than 30 retail businesses and creating, for the four-year construction period, 20 full time construction jobs.