

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK

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Dear Property Owner,

Many of you may have expected to have had the new town water system in place by this time. We thought that as well. I want to update you concerning the project referred by us as Water District #3 (WD3). We fully anticipated beginning the project this past summer.

The following issues prevented our engineers from Barton & Loguidice to be able to secure the proper permits in order to put the project out to bid. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) had to utilize all of their resources to assist with the record high water issues on Lake Ontario. This unfortunately put our water project behind from being reviewed by the DEC until mid-summer. Once the DEC reviewed our project WD#3 they have had some issues concerning the installation of pipeline along the lake side. As of today, the project is still under review with DEC and our engineers are working diligently with them to develop a plan that DEC will work with so that a permit can be issued.

It is with anticipation that within the next month or two the engineers will have secured the necessary permits and we will be able to put the project out for bid. With that said, it would be likely that we could see pipe going in the ground by mid spring or early summer of 2020.

Water District #3 is and continues to incur expenses and any water EDU charges that have been collected remain in the district. You will see on your tax bill for 2020 that we reduced the EDU rate to \$251.14 compared to the 2019 rate of \$448.72. Assuming the project will begin in 2020 as expected your EDU rate for 2021 will be increased to the full rate. We appreciate your patience and look forward to a successful water project.

Sincerely,



Nancy Ridgeway
Town Supervisor