

## Town to Expand Municipal Water Services to Jenkinville

The Town of Queensbury is moving ahead to provide municipal water service to the Jenkinville area of the community.

On Monday, September 22, 2025, the Town Board held a public hearing to gather public comments and address questions on the Map, Plan and Report, the document required by town law that describes the new water services. Following the public hearing, the Town Board voted unanimously to establish the water district and move forward.

"We firmly believe this project will deliver substantial public benefits to the community," Supervisor John Strough said. "The Town Board is committed to bringing a resolution to this problem as soon as possible. We understand and share (Jenkinville residents') sense of urgency."

The plan is to create two zones containing a total of 176 parcels, including 146 residential properties. Zone 1 generally encompasses the areas where state tests have shown the presence of 1,4-Dioxane in some private drinking water wells. The approximately 88 properties in Zone 1 would be required to connect to the new town water mains. Properties in Zone 2, also numbering approximately 88, would have the opportunity to connect to municipal water but not be required to do so.

The town's engineering firm, C.T. Male, estimates the first-year cost for the typical Zone 1 residence will be approximately \$400. It would be roughly the same for owners of properties in Zone 2 who opt to connect to municipal water. Those owners who decide not to accept public water would pay an estimated first-year cost of \$140. This would cover the benefits those properties owners receive even if they do not consume municipal water: New hydrants for fire protection and the option to access municipal water at some point in the future if they or a future owner wishes to do so. The Town also plans to cover the cost of connecting homes to the new water mains owners timely provide a required easement allowing the Town to do so prior to construction. The projected costs are contingent upon receiving New York State Comptroller's Office consent and then the consolidation of the Jenkinville water district into the overall Queensbury water district, a step the Town Board intends to take as soon as possible.

Town officials have been pressing to get municipal water service in Jenkinville since 2020, when the New York Department of Environmental Conservation decided to test the quality of private drinking water wells because of their proximity to four landfills – the former Queensbury town landfill and three privately owned and operated landfills. At the time, DEC was testing for two emerging contaminants – 1,4 Dioxane and PFAs. The state's testing showed the presence of 1,4 Dioxane in some drinking water wells at levels above what state considers safe for drinking water. Even though these exceeded the standard, DEC said the levels **did not** pose a significant risk to health. No PFAs were detected at that time at levels above what the state considers safe. DEC's study of the area continues, but to date a source of the chemicals has not been conclusively identified.

The Town is pursuing a particularly aggressive schedule to begin construction of the district infrastructure in 2026. The overall plan still must be approved by the State Comptroller's office, and permits obtained from the state Department of Transportation, Warren County, and the Department

of Environmental Conservation. The State Department of Health will have to approve the actual construction, and easements will be needed from some property owners as well as from Warren County.

A grant provided by New York State will cover 70 percent of the approximately \$6,300,000 construction cost of the project – estimated at about \$4.4 million. Supervisor Strough said the state funding "helped us by significantly reducing the costs to all of the property owners." The overall cost of the project is \$7.7 million, including engineering, construction, administration, legal and other non-construction costs.

To view the Map, Plan and Report, please click [here](#).