

## **VILLAGE OF NEWARK RECEIVED GRANT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF BLUE CUT CULVERT**

The Village of Newark is pleased to announce the receipt of grant funding from the State of New York for the reconstruction of a critical culvert on Blue Cut Road. Governor Kathy Hochul included the project as part of her recent announcement of nearly \$200 million in grant funds for programs and projects across New York State.

The project entails demolition and reconstruction of a deteriorated culvert, connecting Blue Cut Road to Route 31 in the Village. An engineering assessment completed in October of 2020 identified significant deficiencies in the culvert. Additionally, a water main present in the culvert reduces its capacity, making the area an enhanced flooding risk and placing the water main at risk of damage or failure.

This spring, the Village will complete design and specification development for a new culvert, with construction likely in the fall/winter of 2022. Project completion is estimated for January of 2023.

The total project is estimated at just over \$800,000. The state-administered Community Development Block Grant program has awarded \$763,000 in support of the project, significantly reducing the local share of project costs. The grant was announced as part of the annual Consolidated Funding Application program, managed by New York State.

“The Village has demonstrated time and again that we are trusted partners with the state, and good stewards of grant dollars. The Village Board’s commitment to continued infrastructure investment aligns well with the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council’s strategic priorities. We are excited for this award, and ready to move the project forward,” said Mayor Jonathan Taylor.