

Informational Meeting For

**WEST MAIN  
STREET ROAD  
SEWER DISTRICT  
REFERENDUM**

May 30, 2012

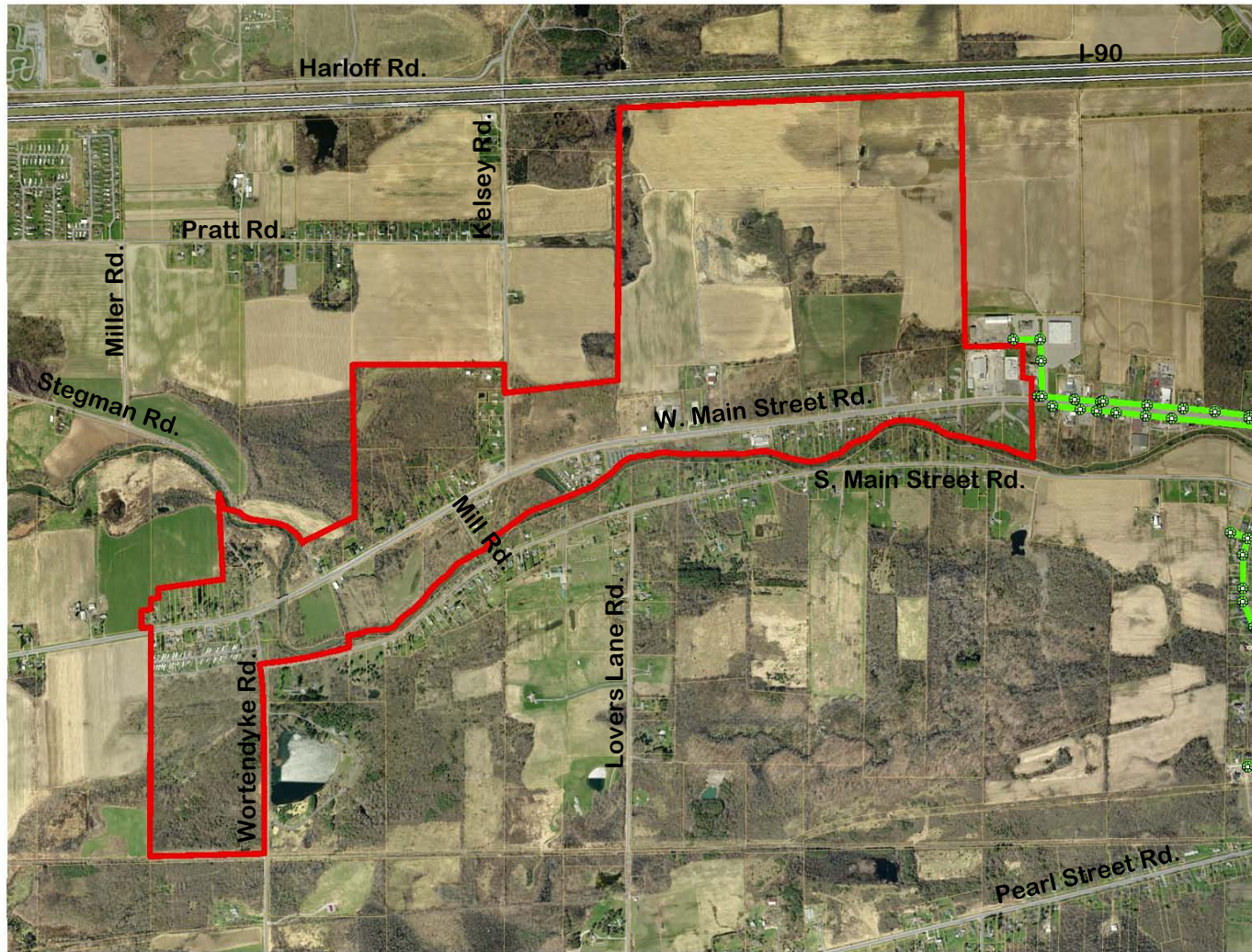
# Introductions

# Purpose of Meeting

- Inform residents and property owners of:
  - Progress of Public Sewer Option
  - Special Election Process
  - What Your Vote Means
  - Things to Consider



# Proposed Project Area



# Progress

## 2006 to Present

- Requests for Public Sewer extension began in 2006
- Household surveys were conducted on several occasions from 2006 to 2011
- Grant applications began in 2009
- Informational Meeting held in July 2011
- Received notice of a \$600,000 CDBG Award from the Office of Community Renewal in December 2011
- Received notice of a \$1,000,000 grant and \$1,200,000 low interest loan from USDA-RD in February 2012

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# Progress . . .

## 2006 to Present

- Informational Meeting held on March 14, 2012
- Public Hearing for District held on March 21, 2012
- Town Board Established District on March 21, 2012
- Petition to hold a Referendum received on March 30, 2012
- Local Law Introduced on April 4, 2012 - no longer required to connect to public sewer
- Public Hearing held and Local Law passed on April 18, 2012

# Special Election

**June 12, 2012**

**12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M.**

**Batavia Town Hall**

**3833 West Main Street Road**

**Batavia, NY**

# Proposition

SHALL the Resolution, adopted March 21, 2012, by the Batavia Town Board establishing, subject to Permissive Referendum, the proposed West Main Street Road Sewer District located in the Town of Batavia, New York, upon those portions of West Main Street and Kelsey Roads as bounded and described in a map, plan and report filed in the Batavia Town Clerk's Office on February 14, 2012, pursuant to the terms and conditions as further set forth in said map, plan and report, with a maximum project cost not to exceed the sum of \$2,822,000.00, less \$1,600,000 of grant awards for a total sum not to exceed \$1,222,000.00; BE APPROVED?



# Proposition

SHALL the Resolution,  
  establishing  
  the proposed West Main Street Road  
Sewer District

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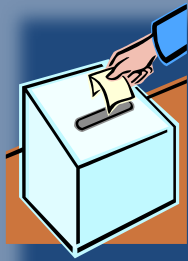
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# Eligible Voters



- All owners of taxable real property located within the proposed West Main Street Road Sewer District, as shown upon the latest completed assessment roll of the Town of Batavia, are eligible to vote
- Multiple owners of real property are each entitled to a single vote
- A corporate owner of such taxable real property shall be considered one owner and shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by an officer or agent of the corporation
- Individuals who reside within the proposed Sewer District who do not own property, (for example, renters and life use tenants), are not eligible to vote



# Election Day



- The Town Clerk shall prepare paper ballots to be used by the voters at the Special Election
- All eligible voters must personally appear during the time and date designated. There will be no provisions for absentee ballots
- Each owner who is entitled to vote may cast only a single ballot, even if he/she/corporate owner owns more than one parcel within the proposed Sewer District
- All eligible owners of taxable real property who meet the foregoing qualifications may vote regardless of the physical residence of the individuals or the principal place of business of a corporate entity

# Election Details



- The Assessor shall prepare a list of all of the owners described above, and provide the same to the Town Clerk, to be used by the Election Inspectors to monitor eligibility to vote at the Special Election
- Individuals who are eligible as set forth above, do not have to be registered voters with the Board of Elections in order to cast a ballot in this Special Election
- The Town Board shall hire impartial Election Inspectors to monitor the voting process and to certify the Special Election results
- Approval of the proposed Sewer District or disapproval of the same shall be decided by the vote of the majority of the eligible owners who actually cast a ballot upon such Proposition at the Special Election

# What a YES Vote Means

- **RECEIVE** \$1.6 Million in Grants
- Public Sewer System would be available if you need it
- Residential Annual Cost of \$248 or \$20.67 per month plus usage cost if choose to connect
- Commercial Annual Cost of \$7.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value plus usage cost if choose to connect
- Increased Property Value



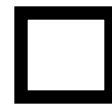
YES



NO

# What a NO Vote Means

- **LOSS** of \$1.6 Million in Grants
- Continued cost of maintaining existing septic system
- Future cost of replacing existing system with an estimated range of cost from \$5,000 to \$30,000
- May not be able to replace with a “conventional” system
- Potential of public sewers being mandated without any grant funding



YES



NO

# Things to Consider

- Will public sewer be mandated in the future?
  - Watershed water quality initiatives could mandate public sewers in the future
- Can I sell my home?
  - Septic systems are inspected prior to signing to be sure it is operating satisfactorily and meets code
- Is my current system working properly?
  - Septic systems can start to fail without any visual evidence, making it difficult to determine without testing

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# Things to Consider . . .

- Can I put in a conventional septic system?
  - Must meet all of the following:
    - 100 feet from any active well (including neighbors)
    - 100 feet from water body or wetland
    - 20 feet from dwelling
    - 10 feet from property lines
    - Outside of 10-year flood prone areas
    - Located in well draining soils
    - Approximately 1730ft<sup>2</sup> (~32' x 54') of open area for  
Typical residential system



# Don't Forget to Vote

- *And remember that the Town Engineering Staff is available to answer questions and review site issues with individual property owners*

