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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PRESS RELEASE: Riverhead Recipient of NYS Interest-Free Financing for Solids Processing Facilities, Grant Funding for Public Water and Federal Funding for Police Vehicles**

Riverhead Town Supervisor Jerry Halpin announced this week that the Town has been awarded several major funding allocations supporting critical infrastructure and public safety upgrades.

The new funding includes \$2.25 million in federal grant funds to expand public water service along River Road in Calverton, a \$2M grant and \$16 million in interest-free financing for construction of new biosolids processing facilities, and \$280,000 for the purchase of four new police vehicles.

Supervisor Halpin said, "I want to personally extend my thanks to the entire federal Congressional delegation, Senator Schumer, Senator Gilibrand and Congressman LaLota as well as the state Legislative delegations, Senator Palumbo and Assemblywoman Giglio, for being tireless and strong advocates in the successful quest to award funding to the Town of Riverhead on behalf of our residents. The Congressional delegation in both houses worked cooperatively towards extending public water to those currently served by private wells impacted by contaminants, reducing sludge volume by supporting investment in biosolids projects and bolstering public safety by upgrading the police fleet."

According to Water District Superintendent Frank Mancini, the \$2.25M of newly awarded funds represent the final piece of the financial puzzle needed to complete the River Road public water extension, ensuring all affected homes will soon have access to public water.

At the state level, Governor Hochul, Senator Anthony Palumbo and Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio helped secure a \$2M grant and \$16 million in interest-free financing through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. The funds will enable the Riverhead Sewer District to construct new sludge stabilization systems that reduces sludge volume and disposal costs.



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"The \$2M grant and the ability to borrow funds interest-free provides long-term savings for taxpayers as we modernize our wastewater infrastructure," said Riverhead Sewer District Superintendent Tim Allen. "These upgrades will both protect our environment and reduce future operating costs."

In addition, Riverhead's Congressional delegation announced that \$280,000 in federal funding has been awarded to the Town of Riverhead to purchase four new marked police vehicles. Riverhead Police Chief Ed Frost said, "We're grateful that our Congressional delegation championed this Community Project for our department. Having access to four new vehicles will help ensure our officers can confidently do their job and not worry about their equipment being a hindrance due to age."

Supervisor Halpin added, "This collective success reflects the teamwork of our federal and state representatives, as well as our local departments, all working toward a stronger, more sustainable Riverhead."