



Woodridge Lake Sewer District

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There may be light at the end of the tunnel as far as the waste water connection between the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and the Torrington waste water plant is concerned. After more than a year of public hearings, both in Goshen and in Torrington, as well as obtaining the approval of our application by the Connecticut Department of Health and Department of Energy and Environment Protection, all that remains is to negotiate and conclude an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Torrington and the project can be sent out for bid.

During the past year, our project persevered through several adversarial hearings in which our motivation, planning and veracity were questioned at every turn. As a result, the District incurred major legal and engineering expenses which were not anticipated at the inception of the project. Our main adversary was the Torrington Water Company which retained legal and engineering consultants who attacked the project at every turn. The hearings in Torrington generated substantial media coverage which made what should have been a routine application process into a legal and scientific battlefield. The end result, however, was the approval of our application by the Torrington Water Pollution Control Authority.

Once the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Torrington is finalized by October, the next step will be to complete the bidding documents and then to advertise them in November. Our hope is that we will be able to break ground on the project in March of 2019.

If, indeed, we are successful in bringing this project to fruition, it will cap a multi-year effort to put an end to the 1989 consent order under which we have been laboring for so long.

Sincerely,

The Woodridge Lake Sewer District Board of Directors