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To the Residents of the Proposed West Central Water Improvement Project;

Funding is now available to proceed with this much needed water district. Anticipated start of project will be mid-Summer 2018, barring any complications.

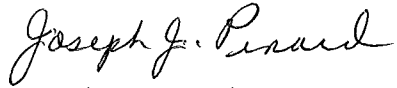
As your Town Supervisor, I take the health and safety of each of you very seriously. I am very happy to inform you that the Town of Lenox has been awarded a \$1.98 million NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant for this water improvement project. I realize that this has been a long time in coming but I did not give up. When this project first started the annual unit cost per residence would have been \$1165.00. That was, in my opinion totally unreasonable and unacceptable. I then worked with the engineer and by eliminating part of the original project we were able to get the project down to \$850.00 per unit. That was a difficult decision to make. Still cost was not acceptable, so we pursued other grant options. With this grant, this should bring down the annual unit cost to just approximately \$600! Due to the acquisition of the WIIA grant, the USDA is withdrawing the \$500,000 grant.

Our office is now looking at trying to add back in the properties we removed and still keep the price down to where we currently calculate it to be. I am working closely with the USDA, both the Albany and Washington DC offices, to allow us to get back the \$500,000 USDA grant or at least a portion that would help us.

A Public Hearing will be conducted with exact information about the project as soon as all information is received. I just wanted to get the word out to all of you and to know that you have not been forgotten. We are pushing to get the help you need.

I will keep you informed of any updates in the near future via letters and the Town of Lenox website [www.lenoxny.com](http://www.lenoxny.com) . If you have any questions please feel free to call or stop by my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph J. Pinard".

Joseph J. Pinard  
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