

## **News from Miranda Robinson, Staff Engineer**

### **Andrews Road Water Tower Project Moves Forward**

Skaneateles is moving forward with the critical Andrews Road water tower and district extension project, aimed at bolstering water capacity and fire suppression capabilities. With final NYS Department of Health approval received in December 2025 and a bid awarded in February 2026, this long-awaited project, backed by major state and federal grants, is moving toward construction.

The project is supported by a \$4.4 million grant from the NYS DEC and a \$1.85 million federal grant, minimizing costs to local water customers. The town has received several letters of support from local residents and businesses alike on the western gateway. With the installation of this new infrastructure the town will be positioned favorably for any new development.

Casinella Construction was awarded the bid earlier this year and will look to start construction in June of 2026. Please look to the website in the next coming months for updates on the water tower project!

### **Streetlights**

If you see a streetlight that is out, please email [mrobinson@townofskaneateles.com](mailto:mrobinson@townofskaneateles.com) with a pole number and an intersection. The Town now owns the streetlights and is partnered with the New York Power Authority to get the lights fixed in a timely fashion. Thanks!

### **Climate Smart Communities Task Force Wants YOU!**

The Town of Skaneateles Climate Smart Community Task Force will serve as a central body of leadership dedicated to developing and implementing strategies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote renewable energy, and enhance environmental resilience. The Task Force will focus on educating the community, securing funding for green projects, and monitoring progress towards our climate goals. By fostering a culture of sustainability, the Climate Smart Community Task Force will play a crucial role in making Skaneateles a leader in environmental sustainability. Please sign up today by sending a letter to: [mrobinson@townofskaneateles.com](mailto:mrobinson@townofskaneateles.com)

*The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program is an initiative developed by New York State that assists local governments in acting against climate change and promoting sustainable practices. The program provides resources, guidance, and technical support for communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to climate change impacts, and build resilience. Participating communities can work on 10 high-impact categories of actions, including energy, transportation, waste management, and land use planning. Actions include adopting energy efficient practices, increasing renewable energy generation, promoting sustainable transportation options, improving infrastructure resilience, and enhancing community engagement. By implementing these measures, the CSC program aims to create more sustainable and resilient communities while also contributing to statewide climate goals. The program emphasizes collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and innovation to empower local governments and communities in combating climate change and building a more sustainable future.*