

# VILLAGE OF SHERMAN

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RE: Summary of Village Capital Projects

The Village of Sherman is committed to planning and budgeting for a comprehensive approach to the various needs of the community. The Village of Sherman's Climate Smart Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2021, and in 2022 we conducted a Downtown Market Analysis through a Community Development Block Grant, and a NY Main Street Building Feasibility Study that has led to an application for \$500,000 in a NYMS Implementation Grant for our Main Street businesses. To date, the Village is successfully completing a \$2.4m Drinking Water Improvement Project, and is half way through a critical \$7m Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project, and is breaking ground on the \$250,000 Electric Vehicle Charging Station project with the 2021 Award of the NYSDEC ZEV Infrastructure Rebate. The Village is working with Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation & Improvement Corp (CHRIC) on the \$488,500 investment into 8 single-family residences, while managing property, building, and cash donations towards the Food Pantry, the future location of a community center and parks improvements with the aid of a family charitable foundation and other non-profit organizations. The Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency and Chautauqua County Dept of Planning & Development are very supportive of all these efforts, and the Village is partnering with Chautauqua Rails to Trails which is aiding Sherman in achieving the 'Trail Town' designation expanding regional tourism and growth. Upcoming opportunities to tie these collective projects together will involve NY Forward from the NYS DOS and RESTORE NY Communities Initiative through the NYS ESD.

Most recently, the Village of Sherman Board of Trustees has approved the application to the NYS DEC for the Climate Smart Communities Grant Program for the Sherman Community Nature Center Pond Stormwater Management Retrofit Project for \$899,000, authorizing the 50% match in land acquisition and in-kind services. This opportunity will incorporate the stormwater improvements, trail enhancements, and business development, building a green and sustainable future for our community along with the Green Innovation Grant Program application through the NYS EFC. The Main Street Stormwater Project of \$2.3m, requiring a Village match of 10%, will consist of streetscape improvements and a defined gateway to the business corridor.

While addressing stormwater impacts from reoccurring flooding in sections of our Village, the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Improvement Project will substantially mitigate impacts of water damage to our residences and businesses. Similar to the Water & Wastewater Improvement Projects, the Village prepared a Stormwater Preliminary Engineering Report, performed a State Environmental Quality Review (NYS SEQRA), approved a \$3.5m Bond Resolution, and secured long-term financing of \$3.5m with USDA Rural Development, and is applying to fund the different phases. USDA RD has been a valuable contributor to our Village projects in the form of street's equipment grant and financing, securing the long-term financing of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and generously providing a Rural Business Development Grant for local business signage.

The Village Board understands the key is for us to build stable infrastructure as the basis for creating safe and sustainable neighborhoods, placemaking and recreation activities, providing for economic development opportunities, and establishing a healthy quality of living for current and future residents.



Colleen M. Meeder, Mayor

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