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Cheektowaga awarded \$5 million New York State clean water grant

*New York State announces additional \$15 million interest-free loan to upgrade
sanitary sewer infrastructure*

Supervisor Diane Benczkowski announced that the Town of Cheektowaga has been awarded a clean water grant totaling \$5 million through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. Cheektowaga will also receive a \$15 million interest-free loan. The \$20 million will be spent to upgrade the sanitary sewer infrastructure and reduce sanitary sewer overflows into Cheektowaga waterways.

New York State awarded a total of \$16.2 million in grant funding to eight municipalities across Western New York, with Cheektowaga receiving the largest amount.

“This is a great day for Cheektowaga,” said Supervisor Diane Benczkowski. “Since my first day in office, I have made it my goal to explore every funding source available to Cheektowaga, especially when it comes to State funding.”

Supervisor Benczkowski traveled to Albany earlier this year to lobby on behalf of the Town and met with representatives of the Environmental Facilities Corporation and Department of Environmental Conservation.

“I thank Governor Andrew Cuomo and Senator Tim Kennedy for listening to Cheektowaga’s concerns and their hard work in making this funding a reality. I will continue to do all that I can to make sure our Town protects the environment we live in, while also safeguarding our taxpayers,” added Benczkowski.

The Town of Cheektowaga is currently under an order of consent by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to address sanitary sewer overflows in the Town’s consolidated sewer district. Sewage overflows occur when groundwater or storm water enters the sanitary sewer system through cracks, leaky joints or illegally connected sump pumps, downspouts and foundation drains to the sanitary sewer system. The Town has already taken steps to address these overflows by beginning the process of relining the sanitary sewer pipes and manhole covers. The \$20 million funding from New York State will allow the Town to continue making improvements to the sanitary sewer infrastructure.

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