

# FY2011 Department of Interior, Environment & Related Agencies

## Federal Funding Requests

Senator Charles E. Schumer

### **Arts Center & Theatre of Schenectady Inc; Schenectady, NY; \$ 900,000**

Funds would be used to expand the District Heating and Cooling Plant (DHCP) with additional piping to reach the Schenectady County offices complex, allowing for more economical and environmentally friendly heating and cooling for the County and others.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because adding piping to an existing, underutilized District Heating and Cooling power plant is a development driver for downtown and more “green” and economical than having multiple independent systems.

### **Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc.; Beacon, NY; \$ 1,000,000**

Funds would be used for emergency stabilization of historic structures on Bannerman Island. Funding is requested to design and construct a shoring and bracing system to prevent further deterioration of the larger castle (warehouse) and to set stage for future preservation.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because Bannerman Castle is on the National Register of Historic Places and is an international landmark that attracts thousands of visitors each year. The expenditure of funds to preserve the structures and allow greater use of the site would lead to increased Heritage Tourism in the Mid-Hudson Valley, creating jobs and fueling the local economy (tourism is the 2nd largest industry in the Hudson Valley).

### **Broome County, NY; \$ 450,000**

Funds would be used to restore the National Register listed Forum (Binghamton) Theatre's neo-classical facade & Art Deco marquee.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because the restoration of the Forum Theatre would provide opportunities for increased patronage and investment in downtown Binghamton. Nearby shops, galleries, gas stations and restaurants would benefit economically from Theatre activity supporting creation and retention of jobs.

### **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy; Buffalo, NY; \$ 2,500,000**

Funds would be used by an urban park listed on Register of Historic Places, and to update an adjoining sport and recreation "Casino" for youth programming.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because the historic basin is located in the heart of a deteriorated low-and-moderate income neighborhood on Buffalo's east side and is the focal point of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, one of the most popular neighborhood parks in the Buffalo Olmsted park and parkway system. The project scope includes job

creation, neighborhood revitalization, addressing ADA issues, restrooms, energy efficiency and overall maintenance and repair needs for safety and stability for all park users.

**Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation, on behalf of the Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum; Mayville, NY; \$980,000**

Funds would be used for the construction of a retaining wall on the eastern flank of the National Register historic site to halt shoreline erosion, ensure site security from beach below, and to enhance visitor safety for 15,000 annual visitors.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it would fund the long-term preservation of a cultural and historic asset, including the enhancement of an existing tourism destination on New York Seaway Trail that drawing 15,000 visitors annually with economic impact for Chautauqua County

**City of Binghamton, NY; \$ 450,000**

Funding would be used to install a Kilo Volt Amperage Reduction system (KVAR) at the City's Water Treatment Plant.

Funding this project would benefit the taxpayer in several ways: the project promises to produce at least \$52,500 in annual electricity savings at the City's Water Treatment Plant; it would also reduce the City's energy consumption and carbon footprint; the project would create 1-2 local jobs; and it would serve as a pilot that can be replicated at other City facilities, achieving greater cost-savings, conserving more energy, further reducing our carbon footprint and creating more local jobs.

**City of Norwich, NY; \$ 3,000,000**

Funds would be used for the replacement of 106 year old water filtration facilities and a 57 year old treated water tank.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because this water supply is critical to the economic well being of the Norwich, NY area.

**City of Rensselaer, NY; \$9,000,000**

The reconstruction of Washington Avenue would replace aging water and sewer lines and the deteriorated roadbed. The existing undersized main cannot supply sufficient water pressure or provide adequate fire protection or water service to the area.

Reconstruction of the Washington Avenue water and sewer lines would provide needed water service to area residents and improve a main thoroughfare in Rensselaer that has direct access to Interstate 90, a major regional transportation hub.

**City of Rochester, NY; \$ 1,930,000**

Funds would be used to install a new liner and ultraviolet disinfection treatment devices on the Highland Reservoir in order to comply with federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because a comprehensive study initiated by the City in 2006 concluded that, to best meet EPA requirements, the City should install liners on the Rush and Highland Reservoirs, a floating cover on the Rush, and Ultraviolet Disinfection treatment devices on the outlets of both Cobbs Hill and Highland Reservoirs. Upgrading the Highland Reservoir is the first of five phases to meet the federal standards. Without federal assistance, the City would have to significantly raise water rates and place an undue burden on the citizens of the Rochester area, who are already struggling with the impacts of job losses as a result of the weak economy.

**City of Watertown, NY; \$ 370,000**

Funding would support the design for the abatement of impacts to the Black River resulting from the combined sewer overflow at the Engine Street Outfall. This project is being developed as part of the City of Watertown Long Term Control Plan.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it would alleviate any impacts to the Black River from the Engine Street CSO. The Black River is used by people throughout the North Country for fishing, kayaking, and other recreation.

**George Eastman House; Rochester, NY; \$238,000**

Funds would be used for the restoration of Historic Palm House/Solarium.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because George Eastman House is among the greatest cultural and economic assets to the Rochester area, a National Historic Landmark, and internationally-known museum that attract thousands of visitors annually. Eastman House collects and preserves objects related to the life of George Eastman, builds information resources for scholarly research and recreational inquiry, and keeps and cares for the images, literature, and technology of photography and film—media that have changed and continue to change our perception of the world.

**Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership; Mechanicville, NY; \$2,000,000**

With this funding, a land conservation fund would be established by the Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership to conserve the historic landscape surrounding Saratoga National Historic Park and the Hudson River to expand heritage tourism in the region.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because conserving land in the Saratoga Battlefield area would create tourism jobs, sustain agricultural and forestry jobs, boost the local economy, and protect the environment and natural resources, including the Hudson River.

**Monroe County Water Authority; Rochester, NY; up to \$1,250,000**

Funds would be used to create Renewable, Sustainable, and Green electricity and to recycle a one million gallon storage tank to reuse 150 tons of steel.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it would reduce emissions by producing renewable green energy (electricity) in a sustainable way. It would reuse 150 tons of steel otherwise to be scrapped.

**Oyster Bay Railroad Museum; Oyster Bay, NY; \$ 1,722,000**

Funds would be used to restore the Federal Register and New York State Landmark Oyster Bay train station.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because funding would be used to rehabilitate the Oyster Bay Train station, used by President Theodore Roosevelt extensively during his terms in office. The station will serve as an interactive museum and the Hamlet's visitor's center for the area's numerous attractions.

**Richardson Center Corporation; Buffalo, NY;\$ 2,710,000**

Funding would be used to create an entry at the historic Richardson Olmsted Complex to prepare the site for new uses and users. This is the first phase of rehabilitation of the historic Frederick Law Olmsted designed landscape.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because a rehabilitated Olmsted landscape along with the reuse of the historic Richardson Olmsted Complex buildings, including the iconic towers administration building, would ultimately spur tourism in Buffalo and Western NY, thereby generating significant economic spin off to benefit the region's economy. This site is a National Historic Landmark, designated as a site of national historic significance and merits the use of federal taxpayer dollars to contribute to rehabilitation costs.

**Roycroft Campus Corporation; East Aurora, NY; \$500,000**

Funding would be used to restore and enhance the Roycroft Campus Grounds. The Campus was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1986 and is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because The Roycroft Campus draws over 250,000 visitors per year and is considered a major destination in Western New York. This project is an economic driver for the local and surrounding communities.

**Suffolk County; Mastic, NY; \$1,689,000**

Funding would be used for the finalization of designs and environmental reviews for creation of a sewer district on Montauk Highway in Shirley and Mastic.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it would help modernize the local sewer system.

**Town of Bedford; Bedford Hills, NY; \$15,000,000**

Funds would be used for a new water source and treatment plant.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because the District has abandoned two well supplies due to contaminant levels above State limits and has limited capacity and increased nitrate concentration in the remaining supplies.

**Town of Brookhaven; Farmingville, NY; 800,000 (\$100,000 for the feasibility study and \$700,000 for sewer design)**

Funds would be used for a sewer feasibility study and design would examine the sewer needs of the Ronkonkama Hub and spur re-development around the train station.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because the existence of a sewage treatment plant would spur redevelopment of the blighted properties surrounding the Ronkonkama train station.

**Town of Coeymans; Ravena, NY; \$1,000,000**

Funds would be used for the construction of approximately 4000 feet of 8" sewer, along State Route 144 in the Town of Coeymans, to improve the environmental quality along the river and allow for further expansion of the Port of Coeymans, the site of 200 new jobs in the last 2 years.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because improvement would foster economic growth in an area in need of jobs. Two hundred new jobs were created with private investment at the newly developed Port of Coeymans and there is potential for 100's more if infrastructure improvements are made. The project would add to the local tax base, provide opportunity, and protect the environmental quality of the Hudson River and Coeymans Creek.

**Town of Gates, NY; \$ 278,750**

Funding would be used to complete restoration of the Hinchey House, which serves as the Town's historical center.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because The Hinchey House, constructed in the 1870's, is the historic focal point for the Town of Gates, a community of almost 30,000 residents located just outside the City of Rochester, New York. Listed on both the State and National Register of Historic Places, the House, upon final build-out, will be operated as a museum by the Gates Historical Society and, located just 1.3 miles from the Erie Canal, is an integral part of tourism promotion in the Western Erie Canal Heritage Corridor

**Town of Mount Pleasant; Valhalla, NY; \$ 5,000,000**

Funding would be used to design and install new 10" diameter cement mortar lined, Class 52, ductile iron pipes replacing existing water mains in Bear Ridge Water District. The

existing mains are 6" and 3" asbestos-cement pipes in need of replacement due to age and numerous ruptures.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because district taxpayers are experiencing frequent water disruptions (12+ breaks in 18 months) during which water must be turned off causing repeated hardship to residents.

**Town of New Paltz, NY; \$ 170,000**

Funds would be used to design a water pump and filtration system to serve the needs of the Town of New Paltz.

The Town of New Paltz currently has the second highest property taxes in Ulster County. The development of this system would lower the costs of current town business and residential users and spur economic development.

**Town of Ossining, NY; \$ 180,000**

Funding would be used for a sewer maintenance vehicle (Sewer-Jet Truck) and Crawler Inspection Camera. This equipment is vital for the continuing maintenance of the sanitary sewer system within the Town of Ossining.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because the overall maintenance to the Sanitary Sewer System is vital for the safety and health of the residents in the Town of Ossining this equipment would help maintain this vital service for all our residential and commercial property owners.

**Town of Owasco; Auburn, NY; \$4,250,000**

Funding would be used for the extension of sanitary sewers to the lakeshore area in the proposed Sewer District No. 3. The end result will be that virtually all properties in the Town of Owasco will be served by sanitary sewers instead of private septic systems.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it addresses important issues relative to water treatment, ensuring that facilities are up to date and reducing the risk of contamination of Owasco Lake.

**Town of Sullivan, NY; \$ 4,000,000**

Funds would be used to extend public sewers from Bridgeport to the lakeshore areas between Hitchcock Point and Shackleton Point in the Town and along Route 31 from Bridgeport to Lakeport.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it would extend public sewers to minimize the failing system in the Town of Sullivan that affects not only the environment and quality of life for Sullivan residents, but also that of other lakeside communities that suffer the effects of pollution.

**Trust for Public Land; New York, NY; \$2,500,000**

Funding would be used for protection of 10 undeveloped acres within the Fishkill Supply Depot, a Revolutionary War Site in the Hudson Valley Region of New York State containing the largest Rev-War burial complex ever identified in US history.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it would help preserve land which holds the largest Revolutionary War burial complex ever identified in United States history and one of the first United States Military Cemeteries. These are soldiers buried by soldiers in a remarkable military facility that sustained the Revolutionary War effort through very lean years. Great American history is at risk as, even with the unprecedented and stunning discovery of the Continental Army Cemetery Complex, commercial site plans could potentially move forward.

**Village of Saranac Lake, NY; \$ 2,000,000**

Funding would be used to develop groundwater wells for the public drinking water system.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because the Village is under mandate to develop a new source for its drinking water supply and has identified a plentiful source of clean groundwater which would be utilized through this project.

**Village of Sleepy Hollow, NY; \$1,000,000**

Requested funds would be used to construct a new water storage tank, to enable to Village of Sleepy Hollow to comply with New York State Department of Health clean water storage capacity requirements.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it is important to every water consumer and property owner that sufficient clean water is available in case of an emergency and this project ensures such a supply. Secondly, this project is the prerequisite for any new development to take place in the Village and there are two major development projects waiting in the wings.