



## City of Beacon, New York

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### City of Beacon Pursues Multiple Grant Awards to Benefit Community

BEACON, NY – The City of Beacon was awarded a 2019 Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant in the amount of \$856,467.00 this week. The funding will defray the cost of the replacement and construction of a new 1.5 million-gallon Fairview Water Tank. The old Fairview Water Tank held 1 million gallons and was constructed in the early 1980s.

The total cost of the project to construct a new tank is \$1,481,622.61, and the grant will fund an impressive 58 % of costs. This project continues the City’s goals of upgrading our infrastructure while continuing to provide safe clean drinking water.

The City of Beacon is also taking a proactive approach to securing state, federal, and private funding for projects in an effort to lower taxes and increase the quality of life for area residents. In fact, eight grant applications designed to benefit a multitude of programs are currently underway, including youth development, senior citizen support, pollution prevention, firehouse enhancements, and more. In total, \$692,024 in grant funding is currently being requested. Any grants that are awarded will enable the City to enact improvements without burdening the local taxpayer.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou said, “The City of Beacon understands the devastating economic effects of the current pandemic, and is committed to preparing our City for the recovery effort. Winning grant funding will help us to provide more programs and support, without raising taxes. We are working hard every day to create innovative solutions for our new reality.”

#### **About the City of Beacon:**

Beacon, New York is located on the eastern shore of the Hudson River 60 miles north of New York City, with a population of 15,000. Originally a Native American settlement, the area was purchased from the Wappinger Tribe in 1683 and settled by Dutch and other Europeans, leading to the riverfront community of Fishkill Landing on the Hudson, and the mill community of Matteawan on Fishkill Creek. The two communities were incorporated together as the City of Beacon in 1913, named for the Revolutionary War signal fires on Mount Beacon. Beacon thrived as a 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century factory city, but as factories closed after WWII and the local economy declined, the city went through a period of hard times. Today, Beacon has successfully reinvented itself as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century river community centered around tourism, the arts and access to the scenic Hudson River heritage area. A diverse and thriving small city, it is now home to DIA:Beacon (one of the largest exhibition spaces in the country for modern and contemporary art), a network of Hudson River parks connecting to Fishkill Creek and Mount Beacon trails, and a vibrant historic Main Street of art galleries, shops, cultural venues and restaurants.

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