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The Village of Lake George has received a \$650,000 grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation through the Green Innovation Grant Program. The program is funded through the United States Environmental Protection Agency and has assisted New York State in becoming the nation's leader in green infrastructure.

Faced with elevated nitrate concentration in our effluent, the Village elected to apply for the funds to complete this upgrading and efficiency of their Wastewater Treatment Plant. The funds will allow the Village to undertake a project to install the latest technology to remove nitrogen from the plant's effluent. This is a major step in achieving the plants' efficiency and making it one of the nations' most effective on-site wastewater plants. Mayor Robert Blais, Superintendent David Harrington and Chief Operator Reginald Burlingame worked with the office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand to reserve the necessary funds.

This spring, the Village will be slip-lining hundreds of feet of sewer mains along the lake and also reducing several areas of ground water infiltration into their system. The Town of Lake George is expected to do the same that will reduce actual operating costs at the treatment plant.

This grant brings to a total of over \$3.5 million in grants received by the Village over the past two years. Included in that total are the Village Streetscape and wastewater improvements as well as for Gaslight Village and a Blueway Trail. Mayor Blais stated, "The amount of success we have had in obtaining this substantial amount of funds is indicative of the importance the State, our elected officials and our friends in Albany place in the value of Lake George and our community."