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1 Londonderry breaks ground on South Village Wastewater
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5 Construction on the highly anticipated South Village
6 Wastewater Project has begun.

7 According to town officials, this milestone “marks a
8 significant step forward in modernizing local infrastructure,
9 protecting the local environment, and supporting the long-term
10 economic vitality of the village center. A similar project for

11 Londonderry's North Village is being advanced through
12 engineering and permitting phases."

13 Following a competitive bidding process, the town
14 recently awarded the construction contract to local firm Hunter
15 Excavating of South Londonderry. Hunter will oversee the
16 installation of the new wastewater system, which project
17 coordinators say has been "designed to provide reliable, efficient
18 service to homes and businesses within the village district."

19 Preliminary site work and equipment mobilization will
20 be done in the coming weeks. Wastewater from individual
21 properties connected to the system will be discharged to a soil-
22 based disposal field, similar to a conventional septic leach field,
23 at the town-owned Prouty Parcel located between the North and
24 South Villages on Route 100.

25 A critical component of bringing this project to fruition is
26 the more than \$4.6 million of funding secured through the
27 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). "By leveraging these federal
28 and state recovery funds, Londonderry is making a generational
29 investment in essential municipal infrastructure while minimizing
30 the financial impact on local taxpayers," said town officials in a
31 news release.

32 In 2024, residents approved a bond vote covering the
33 required funding match. The project is the first ARPA funded
34 village wastewater project to be bid in the state.

35 "This project is a transformative step for Londonderry,"
36 said Town Administrator Aileen Tulloch. "Bringing reliable
37 wastewater infrastructure to our village center has been years in
38 the making." As she thanked ARPA funding, volunteers,
39 Windham Regional Commission, Dufresne Group, and the
40 support of other stakeholders in the state, she said, they are
41 "finally ready to put shovels in the ground and build a stronger
42 foundation for our community's future."

43 "Like many historic villages in Vermont, South
44 Londonderry lacks municipal wastewater infrastructure that is
45 critical for supporting housing, businesses, flood resiliency, and

46 improved water quality,” said Matt Bachler, a senior planner at
47 the Windham Regional Commission. “The South Londonderry
48 wastewater project is a great case study for other communities in
49 our region to learn from and see how these types of projects can
50 go from an idea to construction, thanks to the dedication of
51 volunteers, elected officials, and town staff.”

52 The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
53 (DEC) has provided technical support during the planning and
54 permitting process for the project.

55 Residents, businesses, and visitors should expect an
56 increase in construction traffic and minor detours in the village
57 area this summer. Representatives from the town and Hunter
58 Excavating say they are committed to minimizing disruptions and
59 will provide regular updates on construction phases, traffic
60 impacts, and continuing progress.

61 For more information about the Village Wastewater
62 Project and construction schedules, or to sign up for project
63 updates, visit londonderryvt.gov/wastewater.

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