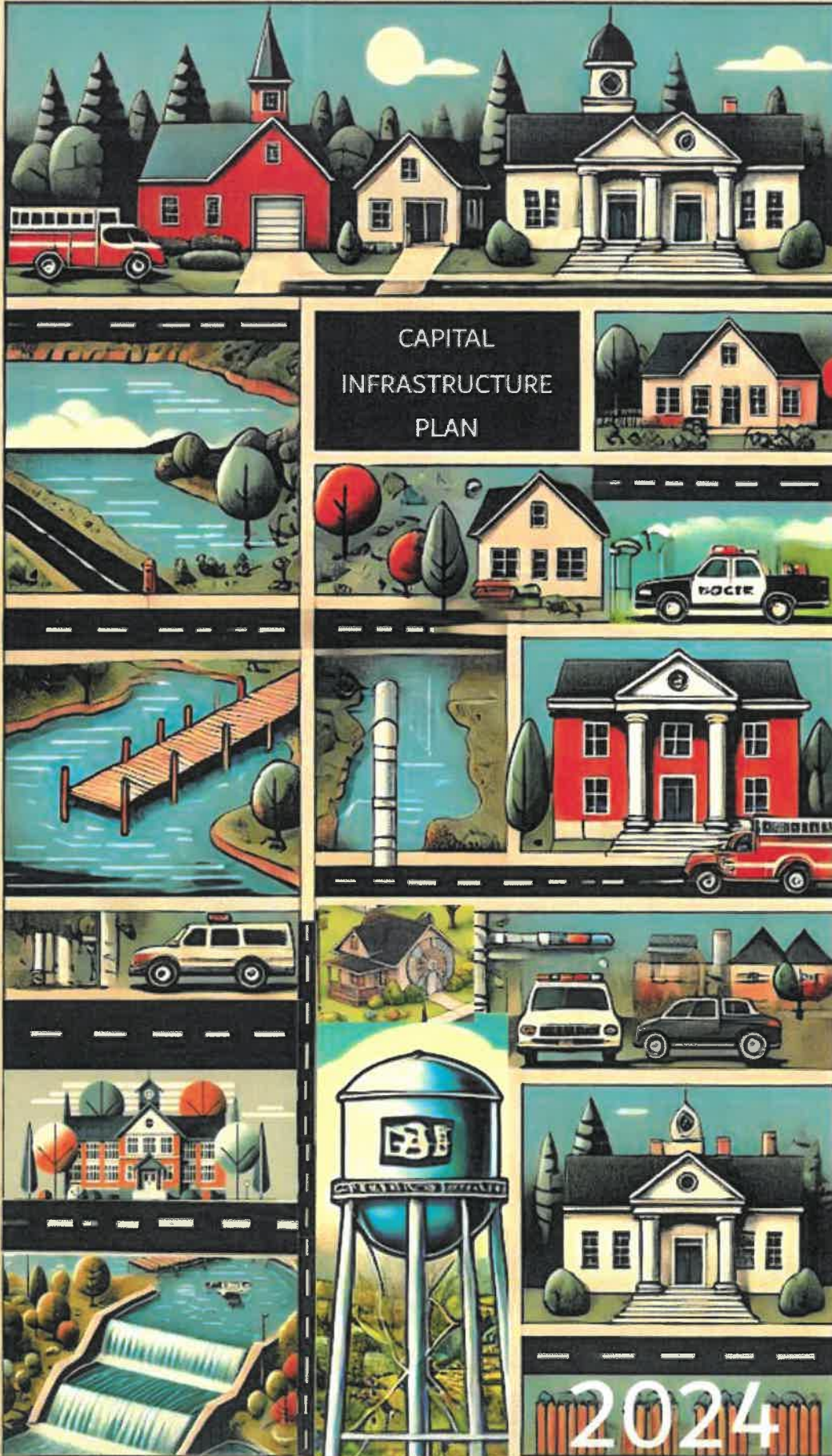


Village of Wappingers Falls



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VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2024

Introduction

The Capital Infrastructure Plan (CIP) for the Village of Wappingers Falls outlines a strategic framework to address the community's infrastructure needs. This plan serves as a financial tool, enabling efficient budgeting for future projects to maintain and enhance essential services.

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Village of Wappingers Falls: A Comprehensive Overview

Introduction

Nestled in the scenic Hudson Valley of New York, the Village of Wappingers Falls is a community with a blend of rich historical roots, natural beauty, and modern appeal. Incorporated in 1871, the village covers roughly 1.2 square miles and is home to approximately 6,000 residents. Its convenient location in Dutchess County makes it an attractive choice for commuters, with Metro-North Railroad's New Hamburg station nearby, providing easy access to New York City, about 70 miles to the south.

Unique Geography and Strategic Location

Wappingers Falls is a rare village, situated within both the Town of Wappinger and the Town of Poughkeepsie. This dual-town status brings a diverse character to the village and allows it to be a hub of interaction and services for a broader community. The village's unique location in the Hudson Valley places it within close reach of the region's major attractions, including nearby historic sites, state parks, and the majestic Hudson River. Key highways such as Route 9 and Route 9D run directly through Wappingers Falls, enhancing its accessibility and making it a prime location for business and tourism.

Historical Highlights

Wappingers Falls is steeped in history, dating back to the colonial era.

- **Industrial Heritage and the First Blue Jeans:** The village became an industrial hub in the 19th century, powered by the waters of the Wappinger Creek. Among its claims to fame, Wappingers Falls was home to the Sweet-Orr Company, where the first blue jeans were made, making it a cornerstone in American textile history. This pioneering work in durable clothing would go on to influence styles and industries worldwide.
- **The Bleachery:** Another significant industrial site, the Dutchess Bleachery, originally established as the Dutchess Print Works in 1830, was the nation's first calico printing and dyeing works. At its peak, the Bleachery employed over 1,000 people and played a vital role in the local economy, providing jobs and producing textiles that were distributed widely. The Bleachery remained operational until 1954 and remains a notable part of Wappingers Falls' industrial heritage.
- **Mesier Homestead:** Constructed around 1741 and later purchased by Peter Mesier, this historic homestead now serves as a museum under the care of the Wappingers Historical Society. The Mesier Homestead provides visitors with insights into colonial life and early American architecture, preserving an essential piece of local heritage.
- **Grinnell Library:** Established in 1867, the Grinnell Library is one of New York State's oldest continuously operating public libraries. This historic library remains a central community resource, offering educational programs, literary resources, and cultural events to village residents.

Natural and Recreational Assets

Central to Wappingers Falls' charm is **Wappinger Lake**, a significant water body formed by the Wappinger Creek. The creek is part of the Wappinger Intermunicipal Council watershed that stretches from Pine Plains to the mouth of the Hudson River.

The village is also situated along the **Hudson River Greenway Trail**, which runs from Fishkill to the Town of Poughkeepsie, offering miles of scenic trails ideal for walking, biking, and enjoying the Hudson Valley's natural beauty. These natural resources support both recreational activities and local biodiversity, making Wappingers Falls a great location for outdoor enthusiasts.

The Falls and Hydroelectric Power

At the heart of the village lies the **Wappingers Falls** waterfall, a picturesque natural feature that also plays a functional role in energy production. The village features a **hydroelectric plant** that harnesses the power of the falls to generate renewable electricity, demonstrating Wappingers Falls' commitment to sustainability and innovation. This facility not only provides a source of clean energy but also represents the village's historical use of waterpower to drive local industry.

Governance and Public Services

Village of Wappingers Falls operates under a **Mayor-Council** form of government, which provides a balanced approach to village administration, policy-making, and public service delivery. The village government's structure reflects a commitment to effective leadership, community engagement, and accountability.

Mayor and Village Board of Trustees

The **Mayor** is the chief executive officer of the village, responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations, implementing policies, and representing the village in official matters. The Mayor plays a key role in shaping the village's strategic direction, overseeing financial management, and ensuring that municipal services are delivered efficiently.

The **Village Board of Trustees** consists of six elected members, representing three wards within the village (two trustees per ward). The Board's responsibilities include:

- **Legislation:** Creating and passing ordinances, resolutions, and policies that impact the village.
- **Budget Approval:** Reviewing and approving the village's budget to ensure responsible fiscal management.
- **Policy Oversight:** Monitoring the performance of village departments, approving initiatives, and providing guidance to achieve the village's goals.
- **Representation:** Acting as the voice for residents within their respective wards, listening to community concerns, and fostering a strong relationship between the government and citizens.

Village Departments and Public Services

The Village of Wappingers Falls provides a wide range of essential services through its various departments, each tasked with specific operational responsibilities:

- **Police Department:** The Wappingers Falls Police Department is dedicated to public safety, law enforcement, and maintaining peace within the village. It serves as a proactive community resource, focusing on crime prevention, response to emergencies, and building strong relationships with residents.
- **Fire Department:** With two firehouses within the village, the Fire Department is equipped to handle fire emergencies, rescues, and hazardous situations. The department also participates in fire prevention education and readiness training, emphasizing the safety and protection of residents and properties.
- **Highway Department:** Responsible for road maintenance, snow removal, and infrastructure repairs, the Highway Department of Public Works ensures that village streets and public spaces are safe and accessible year-round. This department also collaborates with the Water Department on projects involving roadways and public utilities.
- **Water Department:** The Water Department, which is a part of the Department of Public Works, manages the production and distribution of potable water, supplying nearly 650,000 gallons daily to approximately 1,400 village metered users. The department also oversees maintenance and upgrades to water infrastructure, promoting a reliable supply for residential and business needs.
- **Village Justice Court:** The Village Court handles local legal matters, including traffic violations, small claims, and village ordinance violations. The court provides access to justice for residents, ensuring that minor legal matters are resolved within the community.

Community and Administrative Services

In addition to core public safety and infrastructure services, the village government supports several initiatives and programs that contribute to quality of life in Wappingers Falls:

- **Parks and Recreation:** The village maintains multiple parks and recreational areas, providing facilities for outdoor activities, events, and community gatherings. Seasonal programs, such as summer camps, offer youth engagement opportunities, summer concert theatre, promoting a sense of community and well-being.
- **Planning and Zoning:** The village's Planning and Zoning Board oversees land use and development within the village, reviewing applications for zoning changes, property use, and new development projects. This board ensures that growth aligns with the village's goals and aesthetic standards.
- **Environmental and Sustainability Initiatives:** Wappingers Falls has a commitment to environmental sustainability as a Climate Smart Community. The village is landlord to a hydroelectric plant powered by the falls. Additionally, the Village has installed an electric vehicle charging station downtown,

demonstrating its dedication to reducing carbon emissions and promoting green practices.

Budget and Fiscal Management

The village government is tasked with responsible financial stewardship. With a general fund debt of approximately \$5.6 million, the village prioritizes fiscal prudence, especially in capital infrastructure projects and service delivery. The Board of Trustees, with input from department heads, sets the annual budget, allocates funds for essential services, and evaluates grant opportunities to supplement village revenue.

Village of Wappingers Falls Finances

The fiscal health of the Village of Wappingers Falls reflects a commitment to responsible budgeting, transparency, and forward-thinking financial management under the leadership of Mayor Kevin Huber. For the fiscal year 2025, the village adopted a budget totaling \$6.5 million, designed to address pressing infrastructure needs, enhance public services, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Key Budget Components

The 2025 budget highlights several critical areas of investment:

- **Road Infrastructure:** The budget allocates significant funding through the CHIPS program to address the village's aging roadways, ensuring safer and more reliable transportation for residents.
- **Building Improvements:** Additional funds have been directed to aging facilities such as the Firehouses, Boathouse and Village Hall, where structural upgrades are necessary to maintain functionality and safety.
- **Technology Upgrades:** Recognizing the need for modernization, the village has committed funds to update its IT infrastructure. Antiquated police technology, which currently lacks network compatibility with other agencies, puts the department at a disadvantage for real-time dispatch and response. This year's budget prioritizes addressing these vulnerabilities along with a Village wide Back Up Disaster Recovery Plan.
- **Ambulance Services:** To account for rising costs, approximately \$100,000 has been earmarked for ambulance services, reflecting an annual increase of \$130,000 compared to prior years.
- **Salary Increases:** The village has budgeted for higher salaries due to collective bargaining agreements, ensuring fair compensation for employees while managing labor relations.
- **Contingency Funds:** Nearly \$200,000 has been set aside in contingency funds to address unforeseen expenses and departmental changes. This proactive measure ensures financial flexibility throughout the fiscal year.

Debt Service and Infrastructure Investments

The Village of Wappingers Falls manages a total remaining debt service of \$14 million, largely tied to the sewer and water funds. These debts are separate from the general fund and do not encroach upon its allocations. Key contributors to this debt include:

- **Water Plant Construction:** Approximately 12 years ago, the village invested in the construction of a new water plant to ensure the community's long-term water supply and quality.
- **Tri-Municipal Sewer Commission Upgrades:** As a joint owner of the Tri-Municipal Sewer Commission, the village has funded necessary upgrades and additional services to maintain and improve wastewater treatment operations.
- **Water and Sewer Line Work:** Significant repairs and upgrades to water and sewer lines from 2016 to 2019 added to the debt but were essential to maintaining the integrity and reliability of these vital systems.

The debt associated with these projects is funded through **sewer and water rents**, ensuring that users of these services bear financial responsibility. According to the amortization schedule, the village is expected to see some relief from these debts in approximately 18 months, providing greater flexibility in future financial planning.

Challenges and Strategic Responses

The 2025 budget addresses several financial challenges that have arisen over recent years:

- **Rising Insurance Costs:** Health and liability insurance expenses have soared, prompting the village to closely evaluate its plans and seek cost-effective solutions.
- **Inflation and Operational Costs:** Inflation has impacted nearly every facet of village operations, from liability insurance to basic services, such as utility and fuel costs, requiring careful budget adjustments to sustain operations.
- **Salary increases**
- **Tax Increase:** The board passed a local law to exceed the tax cap, resulting in a 6.63% tax increase for 2025. While this is a significant measure, it underscores the village's need to address longstanding financial issues and fund critical services effectively.

Accountability and Oversight

Under Mayor Huber's administration, accountability, transparency, and compliance have become guiding principles in financial management. Several measures have been implemented to improve oversight and operational efficiency:

- **Monthly Financial Reporting:** The Finance Department now provides monthly board reports detailing expenditures by fund and department, ensuring transparency and enabling informed decision-making.

- **Investments:** The village has begun investing funds through the New York CLASS program to generate additional revenue and offset potential shortfalls.
- **Debt Service Management:** The treasurer closely monitors the village's debt service, ensuring long-term liabilities are managed effectively while addressing legacy financial challenges cited in the New York State Comptroller's 2021 audit.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** New procedures have been put in place to achieve compliance with civil service regulations, addressing prior staffing shortages, particularly in the Police Department and overages in other departments.

Leadership and Financial Stability

Mayor Kevin Huber's administration has introduced a renewed focus on leadership and accountability. The appointment of a new treasurer, following two years of turnover in the position, has brought stability and expertise to the village's financial operations. With extensive government finance experience, the treasurer oversees all funds, including water, sewer, garbage, and general fund allocations. Their responsibilities include:

- Weekly payroll management.
- Monitoring civil service compliance.
- Bidding long-standing contracts.
- Accounts payable
- Compliance with Office of State Comptroller
- Self-auditing measures
- Reconciliation of expenditures & revenues
- Addressing soaring health care costs
- Managing investments to increase revenue.
- Consolidation of debts and creative paydown initiatives.
- Forecasting and creating short-term and long-term goals.
- Providing debt service forecasts to maintain fiscal health.

Looking Ahead

The 2025 budget reflects a proactive approach to addressing both immediate and long-term needs. By implementing sound fiscal practices, such as investing in infrastructure, technology, and staff, the Village of Wappingers Falls is working to position itself for sustainable growth. The village is committed to balancing its budget while addressing critical infrastructure needs, reshaping departments, investing in economic development initiatives and supporting its residents. Through accountability, transparency, and compliance, the village is poised to overcome financial challenges and ensure a stable and prosperous future for all.

Community Engagement and Accessibility

The government of Wappingers Falls values transparency and resident involvement. Public meetings, held regularly by the Village Board and other boards such as the Planning and Zoning Board, are open to residents, offering a forum for discussion on

issues affecting the village. This open communication fosters a collaborative atmosphere where the voices of Wappingers Falls residents shape the village's policies and initiatives

Cultural and Community Landmarks

The village is home to various landmarks that contribute to its distinctive character:

- **Franny Reese Cobbler Building:** Named in honor of Frances "Franny" Reese, a preservationist and advocate for the Hudson Valley. This building symbolizes Wappingers Falls' dedication to preserving its architectural heritage.
- **The Boathouse:** Located on Wappinger Creek, this historic building is a focal point for community events and gatherings, enhancing the village's social fabric.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Wappingers Falls has at least five parks, providing spaces for leisure, sports, and community gatherings. The village's summer camp program also offers structured activities for children, fostering a sense of community and engagement.
- **Downtown Business District:** A bustling area with a mix of eateries, antique shops, and entertainment venues, including the County Players Theatre. This district offers a variety of social and recreational opportunities, with local businesses that reflect the village's character.

Environmental Initiatives and Sustainability

As a designated **Climate Smart Community**, Wappingers Falls is committed to sustainability and environmental stewardship. The village is a landlord to a hydroelectric plant powered by the iconic falls, generating renewable energy and reducing its carbon footprint. A newly installed electric vehicle charging station downtown supports eco-friendly transportation. The village actively pursues grants and other funding to support green initiatives, aiming to balance economic development with ecological responsibility.

Demographics and Housing

Wappingers Falls has a mix of residential properties, many of which were constructed before 1900 or in the early 20th century, adding to the village's historic ambiance. While the village is known for its scenic and cultural appeal, it also faces socioeconomic challenges, with a portion of its population living in poverty. This duality highlights the village's commitment to fostering inclusivity and resilience as it seeks to address the needs of all its residents.

Economic Landscape

The **Route 9 Corridor** runs through the village, hosting numerous businesses and contributing significantly to the local economy. Wappingers Falls has a thriving commercial area that includes retail shops, dining establishments, and professional services. The presence of major transportation routes makes the village an attractive location for businesses seeking access to regional markets.

Despite its economic vibrancy, the village's general fund carries a total debt of \$5.6 million. This financial burden underscores the importance of strategic fiscal management and capital planning to ensure that essential services and infrastructure are sustainably funded.

Recent Infrastructure Projects in the Village of Wappingers Falls

In recent years, the Village of Wappingers Falls has prioritized several key infrastructure projects to enhance public services, improve safety, and modernize essential facilities. These projects demonstrate the village's commitment to maintaining high standards of service delivery, fostering economic growth, and addressing community needs.

Roadway and Paving Projects

The Village of Wappingers Falls recognizes the critical importance of maintaining its roadways to ensure safe, reliable, and accessible transportation for residents and visitors. Recent and planned investments in road infrastructure reflect the village's commitment to improving roadway conditions and addressing long-standing maintenance needs. These projects are primarily funded through the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and village funds.

Updated Roadway Improvement Projects

The following streets have been prioritized for milling, resurfacing, and other necessary upgrades to improve durability and safety:

- **Prospect Street (North & South) Resurfacing:**
Cost: \$31,000*
Resurfacing work will enhance overall road conditions, ensuring smoother and safer travel.
- **Franklindale Avenue Milling and Resurfacing:**
Cost: \$29,000*
Complete milling and resurfacing will address wear and tear, improving roadway quality and durability.
- **Satterlee & Andrews Milling and Resurfacing:**
Cost: \$37,000*
This project will restore road integrity through a combination of milling and resurfacing, extending the lifespan of the roadway.
- **West Street Milling and Resurfacing:**
Cost: \$21,000*
Essential repairs to surface conditions will enhance accessibility and safety for residents and visitors.
- **Pells Place Milling and Resurfacing:**
Cost: \$23,000*
Milling and resurfacing will improve the roadway's durability and reduce the need for frequent maintenance.

- **Church Street Resurfacing:**
Cost: \$27,300*
Resurfacing this key thoroughfare will maintain road quality and ensure safe travel.
- **Gilmore Boulevard Milling and Resurfacing:**
Cost: \$63,000*
A comprehensive milling and resurfacing project will significantly improve driving conditions along this route.
- **Paggi Terrace Resurfacing:**
Cost: \$19,300*
Resurfacing will ensure smooth and safe travel for vehicles and pedestrians alike.

**Indicates CHIPS-eligible funding support*

Future Goals and Community Impact

These roadway improvements are designed to address immediate infrastructure needs while planning for sustainable maintenance in the years ahead. The village aims to:

- Enhance roadway safety and reduce hazards for motorists and pedestrians.
- Increase the lifespan of critical infrastructure, reducing long-term maintenance costs.
- Improve connectivity and access within the village to support residents, businesses, and visitors.

With these projects underway or planned, Wappingers Falls is poised to improve its transportation network, ensuring that it remains an accessible and welcoming community. These efforts highlight the village's dedication to maintaining infrastructure that serves the needs of its growing population.

Water Infrastructure Upgrades

The Village of Wappingers Falls has prioritized significant water infrastructure upgrades to ensure a reliable, safe, and compliant water system for its residents and businesses. These investments address immediate needs, meet state and federal mandates, and prepare the village for sustainable future growth. Below are the key projects under the water infrastructure initiative:

- **Ongoing Leak Detection and Repair Program:**
Cost: \$23,000 annually (Short-Term, 1-3 years)
An annual initiative to identify and repair leaks within the water distribution system, conserving water resources, and improving overall efficiency.
- **Water Meter Replacement Project:**
Cost: \$900,000 (Short-Term, 1-3 years; grant subsidy)
Replacement of nearly 1,400 outdated water meters with modern units to enhance

accuracy in water usage measurement and billing, promoting fairness and conservation.

- **Wenliss Water Tower Renovation:**
Cost: \$1.3 million (Short-Term, 1-3 years; grant subsidy)
Comprehensive scraping, painting, and repairs of the water tower to ensure structural integrity and maintain consistent water pressure across the distribution system.
- **Demolition of Hillside Water Tank:**
Cost: \$900,000 (Short-Term, 1-3 years; grant subsidy)
The inoperable and unused Hillside water tank is slated for demolition due to safety concerns. Removing this structure will mitigate risks and clear the way for potential future uses of the site.
- **Lead Inventory Identification and Replacement Program:**
Cost: \$1.2 million annually for 5 years (multi-phase project; grant subsidy)
This state-mandated initiative aims to identify and replace lead and copper water lines throughout the village. It is a critical public health effort to ensure compliance with New York State regulations and protect the safety of drinking water.

Future Vision for Water Infrastructure

These water infrastructure projects underscore the village's proactive approach to addressing aging systems, regulatory compliance, and public safety. By securing grant subsidies and implementing phased projects, Wappingers Falls is demonstrating fiscal responsibility while prioritizing the health and well-being of its community. With these investments, the village is not only meeting current needs but also laying the groundwork for a sustainable, reliable water system for generations to come.

Public Safety and Building Infrastructure Enhancements

The Village of Wappingers Falls continues to prioritize the safety, functionality, and sustainability of its public safety facilities and community infrastructure. The following projects address critical upgrades to buildings and systems to ensure secure, efficient, and reliable services for residents.

Police Department Enhancements

- **Main Door Replacement and Alarm System**
Cost: \$6,500 (Short-Term, 1-3 years)
The Police Department's main entrance will be replaced with a triple steel design to enhance security. A new alarm system will also be installed, further safeguarding the facility and personnel.
- **Generator Replacement and Reworking**
Cost: \$15,000 (Short-Term, 1-3 years)

The outdated generator will be replaced, and the new unit reworked to ensure uninterrupted power supply during emergencies, enhancing operational readiness.

- **HVAC System Upgrade**

Cost: \$5,500 (Short-Term, 1-3 years)

Upgrading the department's heating and air conditioning system will improve climate control, energy efficiency, and working conditions for officers and staff.

Fire Department Enhancements

- **Fire House Station 1 HVAC Upgrade**

Cost: \$4,200 (Short-Term, 1-3 years)

Station 1 will receive an upgraded heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system to meet fire response standards and improve personnel comfort.

- **Fire House Station 2 Parapet Safety Repairs**

Cost: \$26,000 (Short-Term, 1-3 years)

The concrete parapet at the top of Station 2 poses a safety hazard and will be repaired to eliminate risks and ensure structural integrity.

Historic Building Improvements

- **Boat House Roof Improvements**

Cost: \$77,000 (Mid-Term, 3-5 years; grant dependent)

Roof repairs will preserve the historical aesthetics and functionality of this landmark, a key feature of the village's cultural and community events.

- **Mesier Homestead Roof Replacement**

Cost: \$165,000 (Mid-Term, 3-5 years; grant subsidy)

Approved by the National Historical Society, this roof replacement project will maintain the integrity and historical significance of the Mesier Homestead.

Future Impact

These public safety and infrastructure enhancements address immediate safety concerns, improve operational efficiency, and preserve the historical integrity of key village landmarks. Through careful planning and strategic use of grants and village funds, Wappingers Falls is ensuring that its facilities meet current and future demands while maintaining its commitment to safety, security, and community heritage.

Parks and Recreational Improvements

The village has also focused on enhancing recreational amenities and park facilities to serve the community's needs for leisure and outdoor activities.

- **Youth Activities Dock Project:** A new dock was installed to support youth and community events at Wappinger Lake, providing a safe area for water activities and gathering.

- **New Park Equipment:** Additional benches, tables, and playground equipment were installed in various parks, providing improved facilities for families and visitors.
- **Boat House Restoration:** Efforts are underway to restore and preserve this historic structure along the creek, which serves as a popular site for community events and recreational activities.

Sustainability and Environmental Projects

As part of its Smart Community designation, Wappingers Falls has completed projects focused on sustainable energy use and environmental preservation:

- **Hydroelectric Plant Revitalization:** The hydroelectric plant, located at the village's namesake falls, generates renewable energy, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and lowering the village's carbon footprint. This system capitalizes on natural water flow to power the village's energy needs sustainably.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Station:** A new charging station was installed downtown to support eco-friendly transportation options, making Wappingers Falls a more attractive destination for visitors with electric vehicles.

Sewer and Wastewater Management Improvements

The village has made strides in addressing wastewater treatment and sewer infrastructure to improve environmental compliance and public health:

- **Tri-Municipal Sewer Upgrades:** Wappingers Falls participated in upgrades to the Tri-Municipal Sewer System, focusing on sludge management and inflow and infiltration (INI) reduction. These upgrades enhance the system's efficiency, ensuring more effective wastewater processing.
- **Annual Sewer Line Repairs:** As part of a long-term project, the village regularly inspects and repairs sewer lines, addressing INI issues to prevent groundwater contamination and sewer overflows.

Building Renovations and Historical Preservation

Several village-owned buildings have undergone renovations to improve functionality, accessibility, and historical preservation:

- **Mesier Homestead Roof Replacement:** Planned with historical society approval, this project will replace the roof of the historic Mesier Homestead, preserving its structure and significance as a colonial-era landmark.
- **Boat House Roof and Structural Repairs:** The Boat House, a cherished historic building, received roof and structural improvements to protect it from weather damage and preserve its historical integrity.

Conclusion

The Village of Wappingers Falls is a community that blends historical richness with forward-looking initiatives. From its industrial roots and historic landmarks to its commitment to sustainability and modern amenities, the village offers residents and visitors a unique place to live, work, and explore. With its close-knit community, accessible location, and dedication to preserving its heritage while promoting economic and environmental resilience, Wappingers Falls stands as a model of small-town charm and resilience within the Hudson Valley. As the village plans for the future, it remains committed to honoring its past, embracing sustainability, and enhancing the quality of life for all who call it home.

Future Projects

Time Frames

Short-Term (1-3 years)

Mid-Term (3-5 years)

Long-Term (6-8 years)

Project	Time Frame	Cost	Description
Building Infrastructure			
Police Department Main Door Replacement & alarm system	Short-Term	\$6,500	Replacement of the main door with a triple steel design to improve security and install alarm
Police Department Generator	Short-Term	\$15,000	Replace and have new one reworked
Police Department HVAC System Upgrade	Short-Term	\$5,500	Upgrade of the heating and air conditioning system for better climate control.
Fire House Station 1 HVAC Upgrade	Short-Term	\$4,200	Facility upgrades to meet current fire response standards.
Fire House Station 2 Parapet	Short-Term	\$26,000	Concrete parapet at the top of the Firehouse is a safety hazard.
Boat House Roof Improvements	Mid-Term	\$77,000 (grant dependent)	Roof improvements to preserve historical aesthetics and functionality.
Mesier Homestead Roof Replacement	Mid-Term	\$165,000 (grant subsidy)	Roof replacement approved by the National Historical Society to maintain historical integrity.

Roadway Infrastructure * CHIPS Eligible			
Prospect Street (North & South) Resurfacing	Short-Term	\$31,000*	Resurfacing to improve road conditions.
Franklindale Avenue Milling and Resurfacing	Short-Term	\$29,000*	Milling and resurfacing to enhance roadway quality.
Satterlee & Andrews Milling and Resurfacing	Short-Term	\$37,000*	Milling and resurfacing to restore road integrity.
West Street Milling and Resurfacing	Short-Term	\$21,000*	Milling and resurfacing to improve surface conditions.
Pells Place Milling and Resurfacing	Short-Term	\$23,000*	Milling and resurfacing to enhance roadway durability.
Church Street Resurfacing	Short-Term	\$27,300*	Resurfacing to maintain road quality.
Gilmore Boulevard Milling and Resurfacing	Short-Term	\$63,000*	Milling and resurfacing to improve driving conditions.
Paggi Terrace Resurfacing	Short-Term	\$17,300*	Resurfacing to ensure safe and smooth travel.
Utility Infrastructure			
Tri-Municipal Sewer Upgrades	Mid-Term	\$1,900,000 (IMA, Grant subsidy)	Responsibility for sludge management and INI total.
Ongoing Leak Detection and Repair	Short-Term	\$23,000 annually (3 years)	Annual leak detection and repairs in the distribution system.
INI Identifying Work and Repairs	Short-Term	\$150,000 annually (5 years)	INI identification and line repairs over 5 years.

Wenliss Water Tower Scraping, Painting, and Repairs	Short-Term	\$1,300,000 (grant subsidy)	Maintenance and repairs required by DOH, funded by the water fund.
Demolition of Hillside Water Tank	Short-Term	\$900,000 (grant subsidy)	Inoperable & unused water tower. Needs to be demolished - safety concerns.
Lead Inventory Identify & Replace	Short-Term	\$1,200,000 annually 5 yr (multi-phases) Grant subsidy)	NYS mandate to identify & then replace lead & copper water lines
Miscellaneous Equipment			
Police Department Monitoring Systems Upgrade	Mid-Term	\$5,500	Monitoring upgrades for public safety.
Firearms & Safety Gear	Mid-Term	\$9,500	Upgrade safety equipment for police.
Police Department IT upgrades & Storage	Short-Term	\$18,000	Storage upgrade for compatibility with county systems.
Zero Turn Lawn Mower & trailer	Short-Term	\$15,000	New mower for village grounds maintenance.
Firehouse Turn Out Gear	Short-Term	\$75,000 (grant subsidy)	Protective Turn Out Gear for Firefighters – existing gear aged out
Firehouse Cascade System	Short-Term	\$10,000 (grant subsidy)	Phase II for SCBA for firefighters for safety-existing system needs Phase II
Police Vehicles Lease	Short-Term	\$6,750 annually (5 years)	Lease agreement for new police vehicle.
Justice Court Security Camera System	Short-Term	\$9,200 (grant subsidy)	Current system no longer works & is antiquated, Need this for safety for employees and visitors.

Wishlist Items

Project	Time Frame	Cost	Description
Building Infrastructure			
Justice Court Bullet Resistant Glass Sealant	Short-Term	\$7,700	Installation of bullet-resistant glass for the Justice Court to enhance security.
Utility Infrastructure			
Water Plant Greensand Filtration System	Long-Term	\$5,000,000 (grant subsidy)	Installation of a greensand filtration system compatible with iron and PFAS remediation.
Water Meter Replacements (1,390 meters)	Short-Term	\$900,000 (grant subsidy)	Replacement of outdated water meters funded by the water fund.
Parks & Recreation			
Youth Activities Dock Project	Short-Term	\$30,000 (potential grant)	Dock installation for youth and community events.
Additional Recreation Equipment	Mid-Term (3-6 years)	\$25,000	New equipment for recreational facilities.
Benches, Tables, and Accessories	Short-Term	\$10,000	Addition of benches, tables, and accessories for park areas.
Miscellaneous Equipment			
Security Camera Installations	Short-Term	\$3,500	Security upgrades parking lots & public spaces.

This comprehensive plan aims to address the immediate and future infrastructure needs of the Village of Wappingers Falls, ensuring the community's growth and sustainability.