

Over the past years many of us have asked questions about the water infrastructure. Last year the Town Board under the leadership of Kathy Rappaport held an open meeting to discuss the state of our sewer and water infrastructure. The attached Infographic was designed to further expand on our response to the critical state of our infrastructure.

This problem was several years in the making and the solution requires support, time, funding, and truth for all of Fallsburg stakeholders.

Some of you might say “stop building”. Stopping building does NOT solve the issue. Building is permitted if it complies with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

What DOES start to solve the issue?

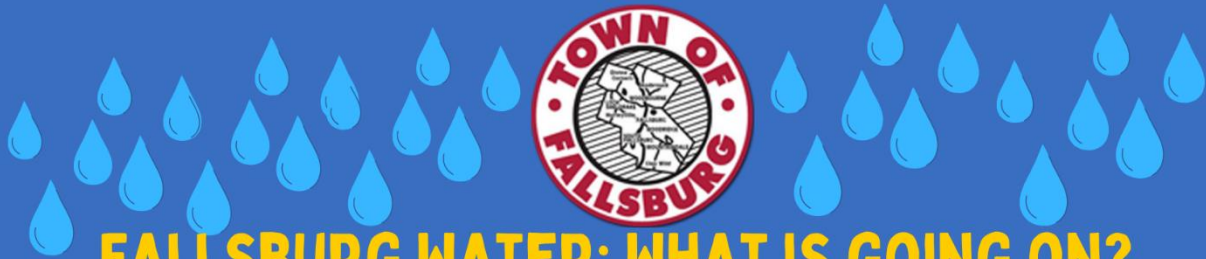
\* In 2022 the Town adopted “build at your risk” statements to every builder. Before every planning board meeting this statement is reviewed. Every developer is aware that even if a project has received planning board approval, the Town can prohibit connections to the water and sewer systems due to the lack of capacity or constraints on capacity.

\*In 2022 the Town amended the pool filling law, changing the pool filling date to June 1st without approval from the Water Department.

\*Since 2022 the Town has regularly met with state and federal officials to seek funding for capital improvements to the sewer and water systems.

\*The Water Department has started the process of reaching out to all local volunteer Fire Departments that support Fallsburg, to create plans that help ensure their ability to fight fire.

See some of the steps we are taking and what you can do to help.



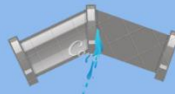
## FALLSBURG WATER: WHAT IS GOING ON?

### ACCESS TO WATER



The Town relies **only** on groundwater sources. While there is plenty of water, the aging infrastructure cannot deliver to the growing population.

The Town is expanding the number of well water sources. The Town has **added** two more wells and plans to replace the Route 42 main transmission line in 2024.



### DELIVERY OF WATER

The existing water supply infrastructure is old and deteriorating, resulting in **leaks and water losses**.

The Town is **replacing** old pipes and **repairing** leaks to reduce water losses. The Town is also **implementing** new technologies, such as leak detection and smart meters, to improve the efficiency of water delivery and reduce waste.



### STORAGE OF WATER

The **main** reason for the water shortages in Fallsburg is the **lack** of storage **capacity** from our water sources to support the population.

The Town has invested in new water storage facilities. This includes the **renovation** of our current water storage tanks that increases our storage capacity by 1.2 million gallons.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Fix/Repair Leaks **Immediately**.
  - Running Toilets - create up to 2,000 gallons of water loss per day.
  - Report leaks to the Town.
- Limit Sprinkler Time during dry conditions.
- Refrain from washing vehicles during dry conditions.
- Respond to Town notices about water. ✓



### HOW ARE WE PAYING FOR THIS?

The Town will be applying for grants for critical infrastructure. Additionally, the Town has **met** with officials from the **National and State** levels in an **effort not** unduly impact the tax payer. However, it is unlikely that grant funding alone will be sufficient to pay for our infrastructure needs.

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