

RESOLUTION NO. 2025182

RE: ESTABLISHING ZONE “030” ZONE OF ASSESSMENT IN THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF
HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Legislators D’AQUANNI and GORMAN offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, by Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1991 (§1123, Public Authorities Law), created the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (“WWA”), and established the Dutchess County Water District covering all the areas within the boundaries of Dutchess County, and

WHEREAS, WWA has proposed to construct a water main to connect the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to the existing South Cross water distribution system in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, WWA’s ability to provide the referenced water services is contingent upon the creation of the Zone of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District encompassing all the properties in the said water system which will support those customers in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, WWA has presented to this Legislature a notice of project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law which outlines WWA’s plan to establish Zone “030” Zone of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District for the extension to the Hyde Park Regional Water System, located in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has before it a Map, Plan and Report entitled “Map, Plan and Report, Dutchess County Water District Zone of Assessment “030””, which was submitted to it by the WWA with the Notice of Project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law, and

WHEREAS, WWA proposes to enter into a Restatement of the Amended Service Agreement with Dutchess County (County), on behalf of the proposed Zone of Assessment “030” whereby the District will provide water services to the customers within the Zone at rates established by WWA, and

WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report identifies the parcel to be included in the Zone of Assessment, describes the infrastructure to be used to provide water service, and provides the estimated annual cost for water service for the typical property in the proposed Zone of Assessment herein, and

WHEREAS, the first-year annual customer cost to the typical single family home is estimated to be Eight Hundred Ninety-Two and 00/100 (\$892) dollars, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature conducted a public hearing on this proposal on October 14, 2025, and heard all persons interested, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of said Zone “030” Zone of Assessment will ensure an economical, efficient water system for the properties within the service area, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby waives the notice provisions of Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law and by this Resolution consents to this project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that the properties and property owners within the proposed Zone “030” Zone of Assessment are benefited thereby and all the properties and property owners benefited are included with the proposed Zone “030” Zone of Assessment, and it is in the public’s interest to create the Zone “030” Zone of Assessment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Zone “030” Zone of Assessment in the Town of Hyde Park as aforementioned and more particularly described in “Attachment A” attached hereto is hereby established, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon full compliance with all the requisite statutes and laws applicable to its adoption and promulgation.

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

CA-147-25
CRC/mar/rjw
G-1217-EE
10/07/25; rev’d 10/20/25
Fiscal Impact: See Attached.

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 10th day of November 2025, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 10th day of November 2025.



LEIGH WAGER, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

(To be completed by requesting department)

Total Current Year Cost \$ _____

Total Current Year Revenue \$ _____
and Source

Source of County Funds *(check one)*: ☐ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency,
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☐ Additional Appropriations, ☐ Other *(explain)*.

Identify Line Items(s):

Related Expenses: Amount \$ _____

Nature/Reason:

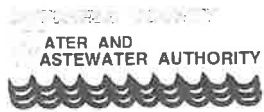
Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): _____
Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:

Prepared by: Jonathan Churins, Executive Director, DCWWA

Prepared On: 10/07/2025



MEMORANDUM

To: Sue Serino, County Executive

From: Jonathan Churins, Executive Director 
Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority

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Subject: Resolution Requests

Date: October 7, 2025

Please find attached a Resolution Request Forms and Fiscal Impact Statements for two resolutions related to the creation of the County Water District Zone of Assessment "030" (South Cross Water).

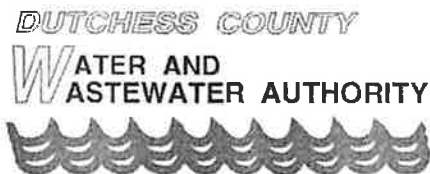
The DCWWA is requesting that the County establish County Water District Zones of Assessment "030" to provide water services within the existing South Cross community in the Town of Hyde Park. The DCWWA is finalizing an agreement with the owner of the South Cross Water System to acquire the system at the point in time that the Zone of Assessment is formally created. DCWWA intends to own and operate the public water supply as a standalone system until such a time it can provide an interconnection from its Hyde Park Regional Water System to the existing South Cross Water distribution system. The interconnection is part of a larger project that connects the Hyde Park Regional and Quaker Hill Water Systems. A Map, Plan and Report for Zone of Assessment "030" was previously submitted for review. The DCWWA's ability to establish this new water service area is contingent on the creation of the Zones of Assessment within the County Water District, encompassing all properties in the System's service area. The DCWWA is asking the Legislature to pass two resolutions:

- Adoption of SEQR findings related to the Creation of County Water District Zone of Assessment "030", and
- Creation of County Water District Zone of Assessment "030"

The DCWWA intends to submit a resolution request under separate cover for the approval of the Restatement of the County Water District Service Agreement pertaining to Zone of Assessment "030" and including; Zones "029A" and "029B", and "031" as all Zones of Assessment pertain to the interconnection project between the Hyde Park Regional Water System and the Quaker Hill Water System. Said resolution request will be submitted prior to the December Committee and Legislature Meeting deadline.

Please find attached separate Resolution Request Forms and Fiscal Impact Statements for each of the two actions. In addition, please find Resolutions 2024087 and 2024088, which can be used as templates for these requested resolutions.

Cc: Jason Teed, PE, DCWWA



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September 26, 2025

RE: *South Cross Water System
Zone of Assessment Creation*

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Dear Property Owner,

Authority Board Members

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Executive Director

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Treasurer

On April 30, 2025, we sent you a letter to let you know that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (DCWWA) had an on-going project to interconnect its Quaker Hill Estates Water System with its Hyde Park Regional Water System and wished to discuss the acquisition of your community's water system and include it as part of this project. A public meeting was held on May 29, 2025 that discussed this project, which can also be found on our website at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Water-Wastewater/Graphics/Projects-5-29-South-Cross-Water.pdf>

The DCWWA is proposing to move forward with the project and, as a necessary step to accomplish the project is now working with the County Legislature to create a new Zone of Assessment (water service area) in the County Water District.

It is proposed that the Zone of Assessment will be created in order to provide an ownership transfer of the water system from the South Cross Road Water Company to the DCWWA, and then further allow for the extension of a 12" and 8" water main that will bring water service along Route 9G and South Cross Road to interconnect your water system with the Hyde Park Regional Water System. The source of water for the new service area would be DCWWA's Hyde Park Water Treatment Plant – a water filtration plant that draws water from the Hudson River. Historically, water supplied by the plant consistently meets all safe drinking water standards.

If approved by the County Legislature, your property would be included in the Zone of Assessment. All developed properties currently connected to central water within your community and within the Zone will automatically be interconnected to a proposed 8" water main at South Cross Road. All properties within the zone will be assessed annually for the debt service expenses to repay the money borrowed to construct the line, once construction is complete and/or once DCWWA assumes ownership of the distribution system.

Please be aware of the following important dates:

October 14, 2025 – Public Hearing before the full Legislature to receive comments from the public on the Zone of Assessment creation. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Any member of the public may speak at the public hearing.

Both meetings will be held at the County Office Building. Additional information on the meetings can be found on the Dutchess County Website by calling the Clerk of the Legislature at (845) 486-2100, or at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Legislature/County-Legislature.htm>

Summary of Property Owner Costs

If the Zone of Assessment is approved by the County Legislature, the ownership transfer of the public water system will commence. The DCWWA will own and operate the water system as a standalone system with existing wells and treatment system. Expenses include the daily operation and maintenance of the water system. Once construction and interconnection of the systems are complete, all property owners within the Zone would be assessed annually for the capital debt expense to construct the water line. Once connected, this charge would appear on the annual County/Town property tax bill. The amount of the annual tax is based on the type of property and expected water demand. The annual assessment would be in place for the 30-year life of the borrowing to construct the main.

Each property that is connected to the water main will be billed quarterly for water usage, depending on actual metered water usage. Operating budgets and water usage rates are reviewed and approved annually by the DCWWA Board of Directors.

For a single-family residential property in your community that is owned and operated by the DCWWA and run as a standalone system, the estimated annual costs are:

- Metered Water usage charged – approximately eight hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$892)

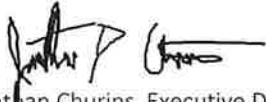
For a single-family residential property in your community that is connected to the Hyde Park Regional Water System as a consecutive system, the estimated annual costs are:

- Capital Assessment – approximately six hundred and sixty-eight (\$668)
- Metered Water usage charged – approximately eight hundred and forty-four dollars (\$844)

Owners of properties other than single family residences can get an estimate of their costs by contacting DCWWA at (845) 486-3601 or by emailing DCWWA@dutchessny.gov

A Map, Plan and Report, which describes the project and costs in more detail is available by request from either the DCWWA or the Clerk of the Legislature.

Regards,



Jonathan Churins, Executive Director DCWWA

cc: Ms. Leigh Wager, Dutchess County Clerk of the Legislature
Mr. Will Truitt, 7th District Legislator
Mr. Brendan Lawler, 4th District Legislator
Mr. Gregg Pulver, County Executive Office
Mr. Al Torreggiani, Town of Hyde Park Supervisor