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RE: Dutchess Park Sewer Out-of-District Users

Dear Resident:

This notice is to inform you about a change to your water and sewer bill. All water and sewer districts in the Town are comprised of two components. One component consists of buildings, pipes, pumps, etc. (Capital Infrastructure.) The other component is the flows through the pipes (consumption.) For residents in a water or sewer district, charges for infrastructure are paid in Special District taxes. The charges for consumption are delivered in a quarterly water bill.

Those residents with use of water or sewer facilities but do not pay a Special District tax are considered "out-of-district" tenants. Out of district tenants pay for infrastructure costs through a "Capital Debt Reduction Fee" which is invoiced on the quarterly bill. The Capital Debt Reduction fee is based on a Benefit Unit formulation. A single family house is typically rated at ten benefit units.

As an out-of-district user in the Dutchess Park Sewer District you are subject to this additional quarterly charge. Your quarterly usage fee, based upon metered consumption, is charged at the prevailing district rate as though your property is located within the boundaries of the district. The current Capital Debt Reduction fee for 10 benefit units is \$23.91. This additional "surcharge" is to bring you to parity with those in-district customers who pay additional special district taxes for Dutchess Park Sewer.

As a result of the Town's ongoing efforts to analyze all of the Town's operations, including water and sewer, it has come to our attention that out-of-district users in Dutchess Park Sewer district have not been charged the additional Capital Debt Reduction Fee on their quarterly water/sewer bill since 2011. To correct this error and to bring equity to all of the residents/users of the Dutchess Park Sewer District, the Town will begin assessing the Capital Debt Reduction Fee on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 water/sewer billing.

The Town continues to review and evaluate all of our fees for services on a regular basis in order to continue to deliver high quality service to our residents. If you should have further questions or concerns, please contact our Water/Sewer Department at 831-7800 ext. 3314.