

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that he has secured \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2008 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill for the Town of Geneva to upgrade water infrastructure in Water District 12.

“I am pleased to announce that we were able to get the Town of Geneva the federal resources necessary to upgrade critical water infrastructure,” said Arcuri, who secured the funding in the Fiscal Year 2008 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill. “With the resources in this bill, the Town of Geneva will be able to install water mains and construct a water tower and pump station to ensure uninterrupted water service for local residents. Federal funding for local improvement projects like this is essential to helping our communities achieve economic development and protect public health. I’m always pleased to see federal dollars come back home to Upstate New York.”

Town of Geneva Supervisor Marion Luckern said, “This is my tenth year as supervisor and I’ve been working on this water issue for nine of those years. I am extremely grateful, not only for myself, but the residents of Water District 12, that Congressman Arcuri was able to secure these funds because it provides the opportunity for us to go ahead with this much-needed project.”

The project will bring water directly to approximately 60 residents in Water District 12; however, everyone who uses town water will see an increase in water pressure. These upgrades will also aide commercial development on Routes 5 and 20. When the project is completed, a break in the line can be remedied without interrupting service for the whole town.

The proposed project includes the installation of approximately 33,000 linear feet of 12” water main along Pre-Emption Road; 4,000 linear feet of 8” water main along sections of Hastings Road and Haley Road, as well as along the entire length of Braewood Lane. This project also includes the construction of a 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank on property owned by the Town of Geneva and a water booster pump station which will be located along Pre-Emption Road.

The funding was secured in the FY2008 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, which the House of Representatives is expected to approve next week. The legislation will also require passage by the Senate in the coming months.

As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Arcuri also strongly supported the Water Quality Investment Act of 2007, which the House passed in March, to help communities like Geneva rehabilitate aging water infrastructure.

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