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**RE: Wallace Pond / Westchester Lake
NYSDEC Notice of Violation – DEC ID# 213-0412**

Dear Current Resident,

The current pandemic has been difficult on us all and I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We are looking forward to a better tomorrow and a return to normalcy.

The Town of Cortlandt will be hosting a Zoom Virtual Meeting to discuss the next steps related to the Westchester Lake Dam and the potential formation of a parks district to assist in financing the reconstruction. Please join us on **Monday May 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm**. Instructions are as follows:

When: May 24, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Westchester Lake Subdivision - Informational Meeting

Please click the link below to join the webinar / meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89659666593>

Or One tap mobile:

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Since the last meeting, the Town of Cortlandt has:

1. Extended a consultant service contract with Schnabel Engineering in the amount of \$160,000, to perform geotechnical investigation, survey and preliminary design, necessary to estimate the cost of reconstruction. As detailed design is progressed, estimates will be revised.
2. Passed a Town Board Resolution authorizing staff to apply to NYSDEC to obtain funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) grant program:

a. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/122708.html>

3. Created a website for this project containing past documentation, maps and a preliminary assessment role for a potential parks district. www.townofcortlandt.com/projects . Scroll to Westchester Lake / Wallace Pond.
4. Prepared correspondence to elected Officials and the Regional Director of the New York State Department of Transportation to determine if any financial assistance can be provided as Route 9 is directly downstream of the dam.

We look forward to discussing the above at an informational meeting scheduled via **Zoom, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm.** We encourage all property owners to attend this virtual meeting.

The Town will continue to assist the Westchester Lake residents in resolving the NYSDEC violation. With a commitment from the residents, the dam can be reconstructed in a manner that is beneficial to the overall health and quality of the lake while mitigating hazards in the event the dam is fully breached and fails.

If you have any questions or comments in advance of the virtual meeting, are unable to attend or seek past mailings, do not hesitate to contact Engineering Staff at (914)-734-1060.

Sincerely,

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