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Cooperation Works for Wheatfield and North Tonawanda Residents

NORTH TONAWANDA—Work is under way to alleviate flooding in North Tonawanda and the Town of Wheatfield. The project is the result of cooperation between North Tonawanda, Town of Wheatfield and Niagara County.

North Tonawanda owns two huge, unused pipes under River Road flowing into the Niagara River. Wheatfield often has far too much water in the Wilrose Lake/Krueger Road area. Wheatfield's southern drainage ditch came to a halt as there was a single 30" pipe carrying Wheatfield's water to the Niagara River. This project completes the southern drainage system by opening into North Tonawanda's outfalls. In similar fashion, North Tonawanda homes along Witmer Road will be able to send their water to Wheatfield's ditch, lessening the annual flooding of their yards.

Mayor Ortt stated, "It has been a pleasure to work with Supervisor Cliffe, Director Rick Pope, Alderman Russ Rizzo, Niagara County Legislature and Senator Maziarz to bring flooding relief to NT residents and Wheatfield residents!

Last year, the Niagara County Legislature committed up to \$50,000 a year for up to 5 years to assist North Tonawanda with the costs of the project.

"The Niagara County Refuse Disposal District and its County Legislator's are very honored and excited to work on this project", stated Rick Pope, Director. "This sizable drainage improvement project, has an effective foot print of over several miles which will significantly improve drainage, health, and quality of life, for hundreds of our residents in North Tonawanda and Wheatfield."

Rick Pope also commented, "As a public Administrator, there is no greater excitement than be a part of, a team, like that of Senator Maziarz, Mayor Ortt, Supervisor Cliffe and Councilman Rizzo, collaborating to help the residents of both the City of North Tonawanda and Town of Wheatfield. Residents can be assured that their concerns are heard, and a remedy is being constructed as we speak today."

Dozens of Wheatfield and North Tonawanda residents will see flooding greatly reduced through this cooperative effort.

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