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Public Release: Village of Fonda Hosts Introductory Water Cooperation Meeting

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The Village of Fonda recently, on September 12, 2024, held an introductory meeting with key stakeholders from Gloversville, Johnstown, Fultonville, the Town of Mohawk, Montgomery and Fulton County development and planning officials, and the New York State Department of Health to explore potential water supply cooperation among the municipalities. This discussion represents the first step in evaluating the feasibility of connecting water systems to improve regional services. The group has committed to actively exploring possibilities and assessing potential next steps to move the project forward.

During the meeting, representatives from each municipality and organization shared insights and explored various options for sourcing water. Potential routes and infrastructure needs were discussed alongside regulatory requirements and financial considerations, laying the groundwork for a more detailed study of the project's feasibility.

The primary focus was to explore the potential for Gloversville to supply water to the Village of Fonda, which could extend to Fultonville and the Town of Mohawk. Several challenges, such as water capacity, system compatibility, and cost, were identified and will be further examined as the process continues.

A committee has been formed, with members selected from our supporting organizations and each participating community, to investigate these details more thoroughly, focusing on both technical and financial aspects. The committee will work to gather the necessary data and determine the best course of action for a potential feasibility study, with the group committed to actively pursuing possibilities and identifying the most viable solutions.

The **first committee meeting** will be held this month (October) to begin the process officially.

Mayor Bill Peeler expressed optimism about the initiative, stating, *"As we explore the possibilities of regional water cooperation, I'm encouraged by the collaborative spirit and dedication shown by all stakeholders. Together, we are taking proactive steps to ensure sustainable solutions for our communities. I'm confident our shared efforts will lead to a stronger, more resilient future for everyone involved."*

This initiative marks a positive step toward regional cooperation, and the Village of Fonda and its partners are committed to transparency. Updates will be shared with the public as the project progresses.