Town of Yates – 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program Award
Shoreline Infrastructure Repair Program
Second Public Hearing

Summary of Accomplishments

Amount of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available: $414,500

Activities undertaken with CDBG funds: The Town installed stone and other materials to stabilize the shoreline in the Morrison Road Town Park and at the northern ends of Marshall Road and Niagara Orleans Townline Road. The shoreline in these areas were eroded and damaged during the 2017 flooding along the lake shore.

Amount of CDBG funds made available for activities that benefit the Low and Moderate Income (LMI) National Objective: $414,500

Displacement resulting from the implementation of this project: None

Progress towards the program goals and objectives as identified in the original application: In 2017, the Town was awarded a $414,500 CDBG to implement the shoreline infrastructure improvement project. The funding included $354,500 for construction of the improvements, $30,000 for engineering services and $30,000 for administrative expenses. All of the project funding was provided by the CDBG grant award.

The improvements included installation of stone and other materials to repair and stabilize the shoreline, as it currently exists. The construction of the improvements was substantially completed in December 2019. Restoration of the project sites and additional paving work was completed in May 2020.

The project met the LMI National Objective, based on Census data for the Town of Yates which determined that 56% of the persons served by the shoreline improvements have low or moderate incomes.

Project changes:

The Town originally planned to restore the shoreline to the alignment pre-flood conditions, however, NYS DEC would not approve this design because adequate evidence of the location of the shoreline in 2017 was not available. The Town revised the plans to stabilize the current shoreline.

As the shoreline repair project was completed under budget, the Town authorized paving work to restore portions of the access road at the Town Park that were damaged by the heavy equipment used to bring materials to the site and construct the improvements.

The Town also requested and received approval for two budget modifications. The first transferred available funds from the administrative budget to engineering for the additional design work to meet DEC requirements. The second transferred funds from the administrative budget to construction to provide funding for the paving work. The Town also requested and received approval to extend the date for completion of the project from April 12 to June 12, 2020. The extension was required because the restoration of the grass areas at the project sites could not be completed by the April deadline. In addition, the paving work could not be completed in early April because the asphalt plants did not open until mid-April.

The total project cost included $358,740 for construction of the improvements, $32,963.05 for engineering services and $22,796.95 for administrative expenses.