

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
Office of the Mayor
310 Norwich-New London Turnpike
Uncasville, Connecticut 06382



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Re: 8-24 Referral for USDA Grant Application and Sewer Force Main Planning Study

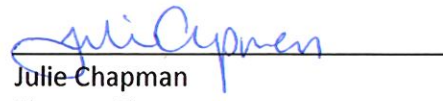
Dear Chairman Pieniadz,

In accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Offices of the Mayor and Finance hereby refer a proposed municipal project to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and report to the Town Council. This referral is to consider the appropriateness of the Town of Montville serving as the applicant and administrator for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grant to conduct a planning study for the extension of a sewer force main from the Meadows Apartments to the existing sewer infrastructure at Fitch Hill Road (see attached map).

This referral is prompted by a request from the owner of the Meadows Apartments. The on-site sanitary systems at the Meadows have been failing for over a decade. The owner has asked the Town to serve as the applicant for a USDA grant that would ultimately fund the force main extension. However, before funding can be requested and secured for construction, a formal planning study must be completed. Both the initial planning study application and any subsequent construction grant applications to the USDA would need to be submitted and administered directly by the Town. The planning grant requires 25% of the cost to be paid by the applicant (or other party). In reviewing this infrastructure matter, Land Use and Development Director Dennis Goderre noted that a sewer extension in this location may allow a broader economic opportunity, which I am confident he will review with the commission for their consideration.

We have carefully considered this request in consultation with staff, including WPCA, and believe it is worthy of further evaluation through the 8-24 referral process. We thank the Commission members for their continued service and attention to this matter.


Leonard G. Bunnell, Sr.
Mayor


Julie Chapman
Finance Director