



Town of Coventry

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COVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

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Congressman Joe Courtney
55 Main Street, Suite 250
Norwich, CT 06360

Dear Congressman Courtney,

On behalf of the Coventry Town Council, I am writing to thank you for seeking funding and advocating for Connecticut's 15 Community Projects, including the Town of Coventry's sewer expansion project, with the passage of the Federal Government's Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.

As you know, this project is of both local and regional significance and will provide both the towns of Coventry and Bolton with economic, water quality, and recreational benefits.

Our small towns are in urgent need of infrastructure to support the few means of economic development compatible with our rural character, and which are in keeping with our Municipal and State Plans of Conservation and Development. Once the project is complete, this section of Rt. 44 will support housing options – including elderly housing, medical facilities, and appropriate commercial development. Coventry and Bolton are partnering on a development plan suitable for both communities.

Additionally, the health of the Bolton Lakes and their watershed will be improved by this project, with only one-third of housing lots in this area possessing sufficient space to meet well and septic separation distances, as well as the risk to private drinking wells posted by failing septic systems. Recreation in this area, which contains two boat launches operated by the State of Connecticut, will also be enhanced as our water quality improves.

Coventry has worked diligently on this project for many years, overcoming many regulatory obstacles along the way. It is rewarding to see this long-term goal finally come to fruition for the benefit of our region. Your assistance is making this project a reality has been invaluable.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hand, Secretary
Coventry Town Council

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