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Dear Sweden Property Owner,

It has been two years since we completed the installation of the Lake/Redman Road water line. It was our intent to immediately pursue another project. However, Rural Development, the government agency that provided grant and low-interest loan funding changed the rules of eligibility. Sweden did not qualify for another funding package.

The rules have recently changed again and Sweden now qualifies for assistance. We are working with our Town Engineer and Rural Development to identify a new project. Please know that the cost of water line expansion in Sweden is much higher than in neighboring Towns because of the bedrock that gives rise to the Niagara Escarpment. Rural Development will not fund a project to water all of the Town of Sweden, as it has in neighboring Towns. Those projects in other Towns generally total $10 million or less. To water all of the Town Sweden will cost more than $40 million. We will have to continue to break water expansion into fundable-size projects.

Forming a water district requires the support of the majority of property owners in the district. The Sweden Town Board wants to gauge the level of interest on your road. You may have participated in other water surveys, those surveys will not help us at this point. **This** survey is crucial to choosing the next project for application to Rural Development. Other factors will be: well sampling results and engineering considerations.

Understand that **the cost of the installation of a water line is borne by the properties in the water district**. The Town Board will work diligently to secure grant funds and low interest loans to lower the cost to properties owners, however the majority of the cost will be assessed on your Town tax bill for 30 years or more. In addition, the property owner is responsible for running a water service from the main at the road into the home and for water usage bills from the Monroe County Water Authority.

**Please complete the enclosed survey and return in the enclosed envelope to the Sweden Town Hall by February 16. The property address and your contact information is vital.** Forming a water district and applying for a low-interest grant and loan package is a lengthy process. If you have any questions about this survey or process, please call 637-7588. Thank you in advance for participating in this survey.

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