

\$3.2 Million Estimate Given on Water District

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Guilderland's easterly water district (which is to be known as the Westmere Water District), will have a maximum \$3.2 million price tag. The district, when complete,

will supply all homeowners in the town who live east of the Guilderland Water District boundary, and the Normanskill. Shaped roughly like a wedge of pie, the district is bounded by the Bethlehem and New

Scotland town lines, the Normanskill and the Guilderland Water District, the Albany-Guilderland boundary, and the Birchmont and McKownville Water District lines to the southeast.

At last night's meeting of the Town Water Advisory Board, J. Kenneth Fraser, the town water consultant, spoke at length on the outlook for the Westmere District. The district will be supplied by wells on the Rasmussen

site at State Farm Road, near Nobb Road. Tentative plans call for two wells to be constructed near the existing test well, both to be housed in small pump stations. Another well, plus pumping and treatment equipment, would be housed in a larger building.

From there, water would be distributed by 195,000 feet of pipe, ranging in size from 6 to 16-inch.

Mr. Fraser estimated annual operating costs of the district at \$41,000.

He said construction time for the project, if it is approved by the Town Board, the State Department of Audit and Control and State Water Resources Commission, would be "within a construction season," but more than six months.

Town officials have recently received approval from the Department of Audit and Control on a temporary extension to serve the Three Hills Terrace area. If approval is granted by the Water Resources Commission, the area will be served by an extension of the McKownville Water District until Three Hills can be linked to the new Westmere District.

Durward Brewer, chairman of the water advisory board, explained that completion of the new Westmere District would provide a "backstop" for the three abutting water districts. In an emergency, water from

the Westmere supply could be shuttled through valved connections to the adjoining districts.

After a few minor changes, and in time for a meeting next week with the Town Board, Mr. Fraser said he hopes to remove the word "preliminary" from his map of the new district.

Meanwhile, a New York City area hydrogeologist has been selected to "arbitrate" conflicting information over well output at French's Mills Road. His decision may open the way for action to establish a comprehensive Westery Water District for the town.

James J. Geraghty, consultant ground water geologist, has been named to inspect the findings of both Mr. Fraser, town-appointed engineer, who estimates output of the well at 150-200 gallons per minute, and of a hydrogeologist who estimates the yield at 650 gallons per minute.

Kirkpatrick Joins State Bank Board

Frederick J. Kirkpatrick of Fort Plain, a graduate of Albany Law School, has been elected a member of State Bank of Albany's advisory board in Fort Plain.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, an attorney, is a member of the Fort Plain Rotary Club and is chairman of the Fort Plain-Canajoharie branch of the Salvation Army.