

City of Berlin, NH

City Manager's Office



February 1, 2019

Chairperson Martha Fuller Clark
Senate Energy and Natural Resources
State House Room 103
Concord, NH 03301

Support for SB254

Honorable Chair Clark and Members of the Committee:

The City Council of the City of Berlin has voted unanimously to urge the Legislature to support SB254. When approved, this legislation will fund the State Aid Grant commitment to one project completed in Berlin during the 2013/2014 construction season.

The work completed by Berlin included inflow and infiltration (I&I), reduction measures to the wastewater collection system. These measures are aimed at reducing and ultimately eliminating periodic overflows of wastewater to the Androscoggin River. This project is one of several the City has undertaken toward this end. To date, we have been very successful in removing I&I, however, our work is not yet complete. We are undertaking another project in the upcoming construction season. As we regain capacity in the collection and treatment system, this opens up capacity to support economic development initiatives in the City. Funding of the this State Aid Grant will increase funding available for needed, future, additional projects that are intended to reduce combined system overflows. Please help us continue this important environmental work.

The Mayor and Council urge the Legislature to recognize the importance of this bill and pass it for the environmental and economic health of the City of Berlin.

Sincerely,
CITY OF BERLIN

James A. Wheeler
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and Council
Coos County Delegation