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## Village of Sleepy Hollow Announces Agreement To Solve Village's Water Capacity Issue

### *Agreement Will Increase Water Capacity and Allow for Future Village Expansion Plans*

**Sleepy Hollow, NY (June 25, 2013)** – The Village of Sleepy Hollow New York has had an acute need for a new water storage facility for its growing community. The Village and National Trust for Historic Preservation announced today that they have reached an agreement to resolve the water capacity issue. A 1.6 million gallon reservoir will be built on land owned by the Trust and managed by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, a family foundation.

The village's current storage facility, which has been in operation for over 80 years, is located in Rockefeller State Park Preserve and does not meet New York State's present requirement that municipalities have a full day's water reserve should the supply be interrupted. The new reservoir will be hooked up to the Village's water system, providing a valuable and necessary new source of water for Sleepy Hollow businesses and residents.

"I am proud to finally announce that with the help of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, we now have a resolution to this critical issue of Sleepy Hollow's water storage future," stated Sleepy Hollow Mayor Ken Wray, who negotiated the deal on behalf of the Village. "We appreciate the generous act by the National Trust, which solves what has been an intractable problem for the Village for many years. This site is perfectly situated to allow a natural water flow from the new reservoir into the Village's existing water system. Without this new reservoir all development (and growth of our tax base) would be at a standstill. This not only provides the solution for a critical problem we now have but also leads the way to Sleepy Hollow's future growth."

"The Village of Sleepy Hollow has been a great neighbor to the National Trust," said David Brown, executive vice president, the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "We are glad we could help provide a solution to this critical water issue without endangering the character or sustainability of any historic resources in the area."

"The Rockefeller Brothers Fund is pleased to participate with the Village of Sleepy Hollow in resolving a longstanding issue for the town," said Charles Granquist, executive director, The Pocantico Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. "This project is in keeping with our efforts to be a good neighbor, whether it is as a community resource or through the public programs we offer residents."

The construction of the reservoir will be a \$4 million project funded by the Village of Sleepy Hollow and by a \$650,000 contribution from the pending GM site development. The tank will be buried underground and will protrude only one foot above ground level, which will eliminate any visual obstruction at the site.

Village officials were to be briefed at the trustee's meeting Tuesday evening and a public hearing will be held in two weeks.

**About the National Trust for Historic Preservation**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately funded nonprofit organization, works to save America's historic places to enrich our future. [www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)

**About The Pocantico Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund**

Founded in 1940, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund advances social change that contributes to a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world. The Pocantico Center is a venue for conferences and meetings on critical issues related to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. It also serves as a community resource and offers public access through a visitation program, lectures, and cultural events. The Pocantico Center also hosts artist residencies and provides performance space for artists selected by RBF grantees and New York City arts organizations. Located 20 miles north of Manhattan in the Pocantico Historic Area, The Pocantico Center is managed by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund as part of its agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. [www.rbf.org](http://www.rbf.org)

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