

Exhibit A

Joint Consolidation Agreement

Regarding Certain Sewer Districts

in the

TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
Broome County, New York

THIS AGREEMENT by and among the Town Board of the Town of Kirkwood, in the County of Broome, New York in its several capacities as the governing board of Sewer District No. 1, Extension 1 of Sewer District No. 1, Extension 2 of Sewer District No. 1, Extension 3 of Sewer District No. 1, Extension 4 of Sewer District No. 1 and Sewer District Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, is entered into this 7th day of October, 2025.

Recitals

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that Sewer District No. 1, Extension 1 of Sewer District No. 1, Extension 2 of Sewer District No. 1, Extension 3 of Sewer District No. 1, Extension 4 of Sewer District No. 1 and Sewer District Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (collectively herein, the "Districts") of the Town of Kirkwood, in the County of Broome, New York (the "Town") be consolidated into a single district which would provide sewer service to the aggregate area currently served by such Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of the Town has analyzed and reviewed the financial condition of each of the Districts and has projected the expected effects of consolidation and has advised the Town Board that the proposed consolidation is expected to reduce administrative burdens by eliminating duplicative effort for the existing Districts and consolidating such effort into a single District, although the precise amount of budgetary savings, if any, cannot be estimated; and

WHEREAS, each of the Districts are improvement districts of the Town of Kirkwood, having been established by the Town pursuant to the Town Law, and the Town Board of the Town is the governing board of each of the Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that certain Districts have bonds outstanding that were heretofore issued to finance improvements in said District and based upon the recommendation of the Town Engineer, the Town Board has made provisions in this Joint Consolidation Agreement for the allocation of the debt service on such bonds following consolidation of the Districts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by the Town Board of the Town of Kirkwood, on behalf of each of the Districts, as follows:

1. The Districts described above shall be consolidated pursuant to Article 17-A of the General Municipal Law and such consolidation shall become effective as of July 1, 2026. The consolidated district shall be called Consolidated Sewer District, which shall continue to have the rights, duties and obligations of a sewer district under the laws of New York. The Town Board shall serve as the governing board of the Consolidated Sewer District pursuant to the Laws of the State of New York.

2. (a) As of October 7, 2025, the following Districts have debt outstanding:

Sewer District No. 3	\$120,000
Sewer District No. 4	\$645,000

The remaining Districts do not currently have any debt outstanding. As set forth in the map, plan and report prepared by the Town Engineer, which is attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof as **Exhibit I**, the Town Board has determined that the improvements financed by the outstanding bonds in Sewer District Nos. 3 and 4 have and will continue to benefit the residents in such improvement districts only and will not benefit all of the residents of the Consolidated Sewer District. The outstanding bonds of Sewer District Nos. 3 and 4 shall continue to be paid by the residents of such improvement districts until the final maturity or until otherwise determined by the Town Board. A copy of such map, plan and report entitled "Town of Kirkwood Sewer Consolidation Study", dated September 30, 2025, prepared for the Town by the Town Engineer, is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

(b) As of October 7, 2025, Sewer District No. 1 has reserve funds in the amount of \$467,597.29, with interest accruing daily and recorded monthly. The Town Board intends to encumber these funds prior to the effective date of the consolidation. Any of such reserve funds remaining unencumbered as of the effective date of the consolidation will be refunded to the residents of the Sewer District No. 1.

3. Although the precise amount of budgetary savings, if any, cannot be estimated, the proposed consolidation of the Districts is expected to reduce administrative burdens by eliminating duplicative effort for the existing Districts.

4. No property or assets of any of the Districts shall be disposed of as a result of the proposed consolidation. Except as noted herein, all such property and assets shall become property of the Consolidated Sewer District. The fair value of the property and assets of the Districts is set forth upon the books and records of the Town

5. The territorial boundaries of the Consolidated Sewer District shall be as appearing in **Exhibit II** attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof.

6. A public hearing shall be held by the Town Board at Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall, 70 Crescent Drive, Kirkwood, New York 13795, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing

Time) on November 25, 2025, to hear those in favor of and those in opposition to the proposed consolidation of the Districts.

7. The Supervisor, the Town Bookkeeper, the Town Clerk and their designees and all other officers and employees of the Town are hereby authorized to take any actions, including but not limited to preparation and signing of documents, posting of notices, holding public hearings, preparation of a notice of the public hearing, and any other act necessary or appropriate to accomplish the consolidation of the Districts in accordance with applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the members of the Town Board of the Town of Kirkwood, in the County of Broome, New York have hereinbelow affixed their signatures as of the date first mentioned above.

Lew Grubham, Supervisor Lew Grubham

William J. Diffendorf, Councilman William J. Diffendorf

Marc Latini, Councilman Marc Latini

Katie Legg, Councilwoman Katie Legg

Sandy Wasson, Councilwoman Sandy Wasson