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For immediate release:

The Office of the Mayor of the Village of Ilion has been notified that through the hard work and continuous efforts of Mayor John P. Stephens, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, Senator James Seward, Congressman Richard Hanna and Gov. Andrew Cuomo that the bridge over Steele's Creek on W. Main St. has been approved for replacement through the NYS Senate New York Works Projects.

The superstructure will be replaced utilizing the existing retaining walls and abutments at a cost of approximately \$1,440,000.00

The bridge has been a source of failed inspections over the past 7 years causing necessary repairs to be made at the expense of the village to keep it open to a minimum of 1 lane of traffic. As the main thoroughfare to the west side of the village and into the business district from the west side, this was a much needed and necessary project to avoid costly delays to emergency vehicles and plows along with normal vehicular traffic on a daily basis.

"I am certainly glad that the state stepped up to the plate to assist the village in funding the replacement of this superstructure. Without this help the village taxpayer would be subject to another expense that they simply can't afford during these tough economic times. This is excellent news for the Village of Ilion and I would like to express my thanks to those who assisted with obtaining this funding", said Mayor Stephens.