

6/22/26

General Information :

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Laurie Ferraro

You must first file a Notice of Claim before starting any action or special proceeding for personal injury, wrongful death or damage to real or personal property alleged to have been sustained by reason of the negligence or wrongful act of the Erie County Water Authority or of any officer, agent or employee thereof (General Municipal Law §50-i.) If you desire to file a claim against the Erie County Water Authority, please consider the following information.

BY LAW A NOTICE OF CLAIM MUST BE FILED WITH THE AUTHORITY WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE ALLEGED ACCIDENT/INCIDENT/OCCURANCE UPON WHICH THE CLAIM IS PREDICATED UPON.

A "Notice of Claim" is a notice to the Erie County Water Authority of your claim against the Erie County Water Authority.

The contents of a Notice of Claim are set forth in the New York General Municipal Law § 50-e (2). A Notice of Claim must include: (1) the name and post office address of each claimant, and of his/her attorney, if any; (2) the nature of the claim; (3) the time when, the place where and the manner in which the claim arose; and (4) the items of damage or injuries claimed to have been sustained so far as then practicable.

If you wish to file a claim against the Erie County Water Authority for property damage or personal injury, please follow the procedure as outline below.

In addition to the above 1-4 your claim should include:

A. A written statement supporting the claim for which you are seeking recovery, including date, location, persons and property involved. **THIS MUST BE NOTARIZED.**

typed and notarized ✓

B. Documentation of your claim:

a. Proof of Ownership (Deed, Title, Registration, etc.).

b. If medical expenses are being claimed - provide copies of bills or receipts of payment. **DO NOT provide any medical records.**

n/a

c. Evidence of any amounts you are claiming. This may be supplemented as time goes on.  
d. Names of Erie County Water Authority employees or their agents with whom you have communicated regarding this claim.

photos & estimate

Carter Bates and Molly Jo Musarra

A Notice of Claim, by law, cannot contain within its wording the amount of damages alleged to have been suffered. You should, however, attach to it a listing of damages/losses and/or an estimate of damages, copies of receipts, and/or any other documentation you may have to support your proposed losses.

Your claim is not considered submitted, nor proper notice received, unless the Notice of Claim Form is properly completed, signed, and Notarized.

Speaking to any Erie County Water Authority employee or a letter without all of the requested information and notarization does not constitute proper notice.

Please be advised that any information provided on, and with, this Notice of Claim will be published in the Public Access area of the Erie County Water Authorities website which can be accessed by the General Public.

### NOTICE OF CLAIM FORM

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
 295 MAIN STREET – ROOM 350  
 BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14203-2494  
 (716) 849-8465

Claimant(s) Name	Laurie Ferraro		
Address	155 Temple Drive	Cell Phone #	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]	Home Phone #	[REDACTED]

Accident / Damage / Injury Location	155 Temple Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225		
Date of Incident	2/9/26, 5/29/26 & started	Time of Incident	126 - one project - still ongoing 2/9 to 6/17 a.m. / p.m.
Police Contacted?	Yes / No (No)	Police Report Taken?	Yes / No (No)
Name of Police Agency			

**PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIMS ONLY**

If this is not your property, give the name and address of the owner:

N/A if not applicable

Name	N/A		
Address		Zip Code	
Home Phone #		Work Phone #	

**PLEASE ATTACH ESTIMATES**

Repair Estimates	\$ 7,200	\$
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**PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PERSONAL INJURY WITNESSES**

Name	Jan Graeber	Name	Denise Cobbs
Address	156 Temple Drive	Address	154 Temple Dr.
Phone	[REDACTED]	Phone	[REDACTED]

Attach copies of Medical bills once submitted to health insurance or automobile insurance.

**ONLY PROVIDE COPIES OF THE MEDICAL BILLS. DO NOT PROVIDE MEDICAL RECORDS WITH THIS CLAIM FORM.**

I have been in contact with both Carter Bates and Molly Jo Musarro from the Erie County Water Authority.

Claimant's Statement (please print legibly and be specific):

"See attached typed statement"

All statements herein are made under penalty of perjury.

Add Additional Pages if necessary

Date: 6/22/26

Laurie Ferraro  
Claimant's Signature

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF ERIE )

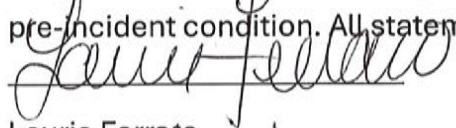
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On this 22 day of JUNE, 2026 before me, personally appeared, Laurie Ferraro personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

TANYA MOORE  
Notary Public, State of New York  
Qualified in Erie County  
My Commission Expires 4/14/2027

Tanya Moore  
Notary Public

I, Laurie Ferraro, submit this Notice of Claim regarding property damage caused by Erie County Water Authority and/or its contractors during and following a water main break that occurred on February 9, 2026, in front of my residence. On that date, Erie County Water Authority crews accessed and utilized my driveway and property to stage heavy equipment without prior notice or permission. At that time, I had just been treated in the emergency room of Millard Fillmore Suburban on February 8, 2026 for a knee condition (post-surgery) and was on crutches following that visit and making access to my driveway essential. Due to the lack of notification, I was forced to park on the street, creating significant hardship. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of Erie County Water Authority and its contractors, my property sustained substantial damage, including but not limited to: Cracking to all sections of my driveway apron, Structural and visible damage to the curb in front of my property, Surface degradation and scarring of my concrete driveway, including removal of the top layer caused by heavy equipment. Due to winter weather conditions and snow cover at the time of the February 9, 2026 incident, the full extent of the damage to my driveway, apron, and curb was not immediately visible. The damages became fully apparent only after the snow and ice had cleared. I have continuously documented the condition of my property through time-stamped photographs and Ring camera footage. This documentation includes images from immediately following the incident, as well as dated photographs from March 2, 2026 and March 25, 2026, which clearly show the damage remained unaddressed for an extended period of time. On or about May 26, 2026, Erie County Water Authority and/or its contractors began repair work by removing sections of the driveway apron, which were subsequently replaced on May 29, 2026. These actions occurred without prior notification. During this time, access to my driveway was obstructed and my son's vehicle was unable to exit the driveway (forcing him to Uber to school and work). Following this work, only a portion of the damaged driveway apron was replaced. I was informed that the remaining damage was considered "cosmetic" and would not be addressed. This determination is incorrect. The damage materially impacts both the condition and appearance of my property and was directly caused by the actions of Erie County Water Authority and its contractors. Additionally, the portion of the apron that was replaced was installed using concrete that is a significantly different color than the existing driveway, resulting in a visibly mismatched and incomplete repair. Landscape restoration was not completed until June 17, 2026, after I initiated further communication. This confirms that the work associated with this incident remained ongoing until that time. The repairs performed to date have failed to restore my property to its original condition, which is the appropriate standard following damage caused by public works activity. Additionally, the work performed between May 26, 2026 and June 17, 2026, along with the determination regarding incomplete repairs, are part of the same occurrence and continuing damage arising from the February 9, 2026 incident. Accordingly, I respectfully request that Erie County Water Authority: 1. Replace the remaining damaged section of the driveway apron in full 2. Repair or replace the damaged curb 3. Correct the mismatched concrete so that the driveway is uniform in appearance I am not seeking monetary compensation, but rather full restoration of my property to its pre-incident condition. All statements herein are made under penalty of perjury.



Laurie Ferraro  
Date: 6/22/26

(notarized on appeal form)

TANYA MOORE  
Notary Public, State of New York  
Qualified in Erie County  
My Commission Expires 4/14/2027

# ESTIMATE

## Weiner Concrete & Construction

Elma, NY 14059

Phone: 716-382-0856

Date	June 20, 2026
Property Address	155 Temple Drive Cheektowaga, NY 14225

### Project Description & Assessment

Inspection revealed damage to the concrete driveway apron and curb consistent with heavy equipment use, including cracking, surface deterioration, scarring, and non-uniform prior repairs. The damage is structural and not cosmetic; patching is insufficient to restore original condition.

### Scope of Work

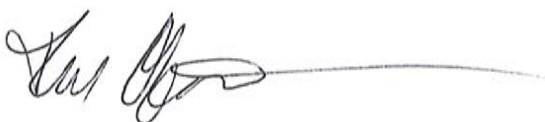
- Full removal and replacement of driveway apron sections
- Repair or replacement of damaged curb
- Surface restoration for uniform finish

### Cost Breakdown

Item	Cost
Driveway apron replacement	\$4,200
Curb repair/replacement	\$1,800
Surface restoration	\$1,200

**Total Estimated Cost: \$7,200**

This estimate reflects necessary work to restore the property to its pre-damage condition.



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Driveway  
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and in chronological order documenting  
the break, months gone unfixed and the "repairs"

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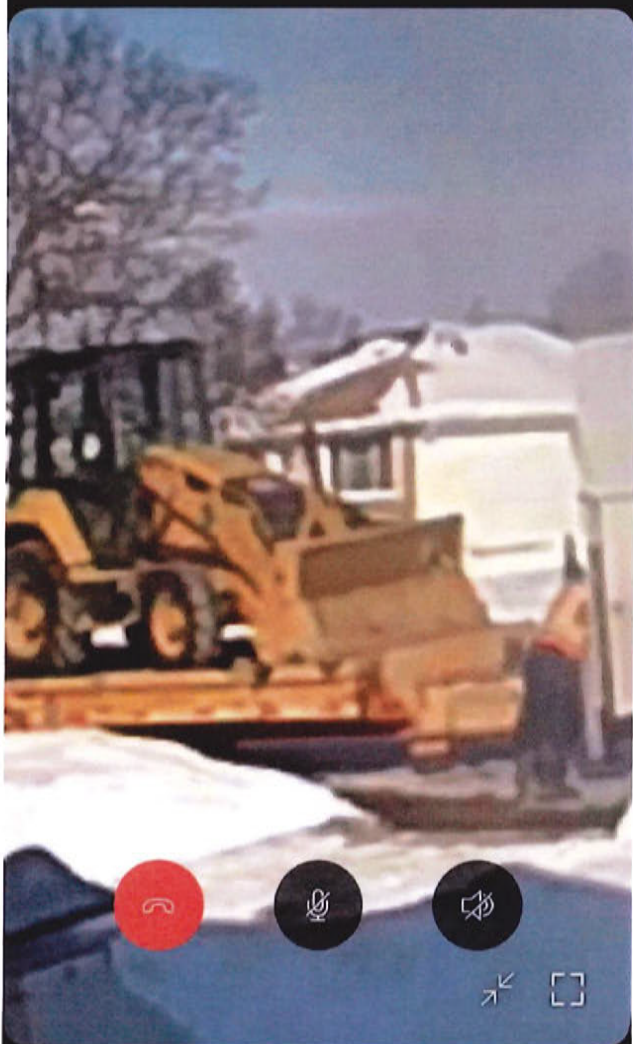
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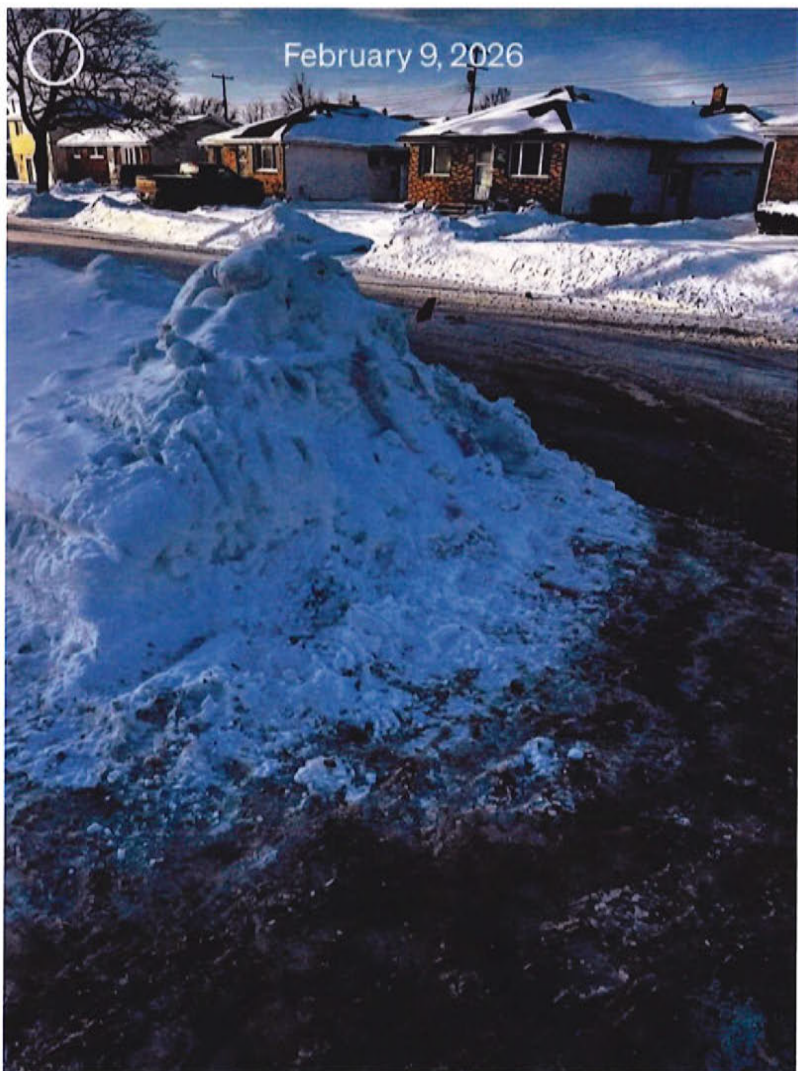


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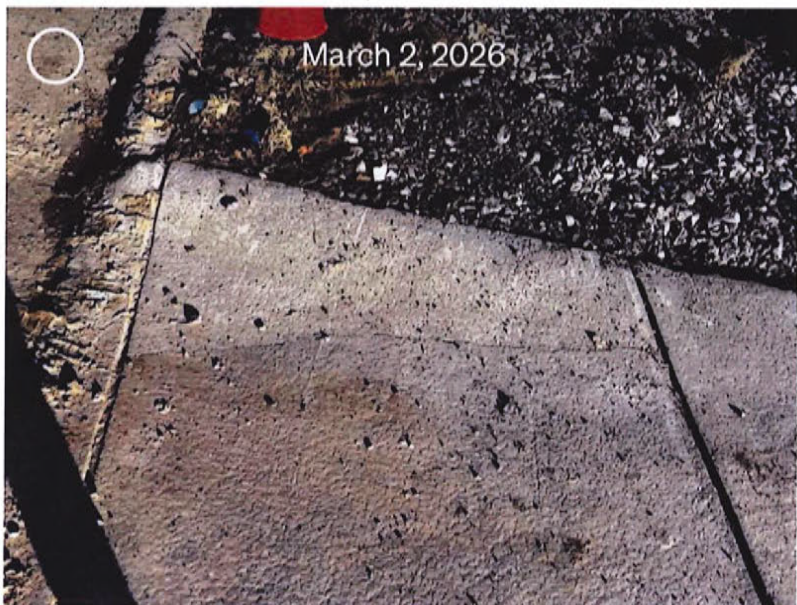
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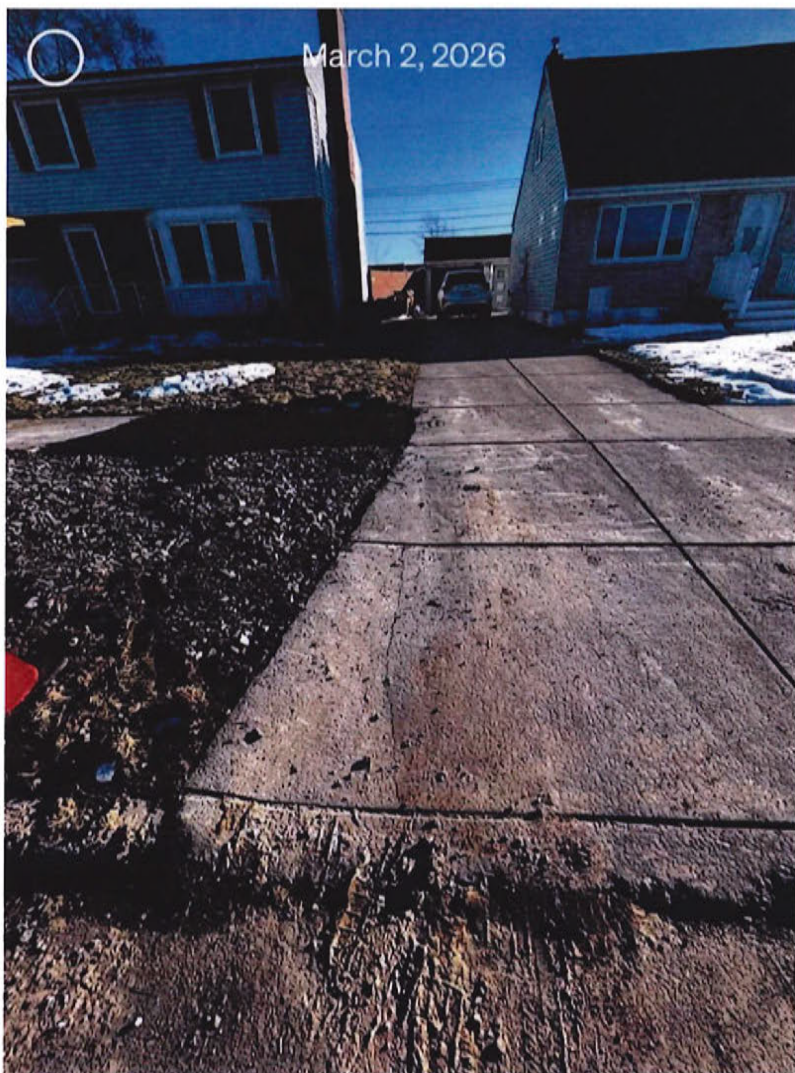
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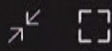
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appeal for property  
of Laurie Ferraro at  
155 Temple Drive  
Cheektowaga, NY  
14225

To: Erie County Water  
Authority (appeal)

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