

Aubertine & Carrier to survey Clayton sewer lines pro bono

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CLAYTON — Both the Development Authority of the North Country and Aubertine & Carrier Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors, Watertown, have stepped up to help the village study its east-side sewer system.

The system has been in the limelight since last summer, when several residents formed Clayton NASA, or Neighbors Against Sewage Aroma.

"Mike Aubertine agreed to map our whole sewer and water system for us. He's going to do this pro bono," said village Trustee Joseph W. Orobona.

Aubertine & Carrier will perform a Global Positioning System mapping of the system that will show where all the sewer and storm-water drainage lines are in the village, north of Mary Street to the St. Lawrence River between the Antique Boat Museum and the Frink property, said Michael L. Aubertine, com-

pany president.

Mr. Aubertine said the company chose to do the \$10,000 project for free because it has employees, including him, who live in Clayton.

The GPS scoping will involve opening the manholes and measuring the length of pipes with a GPS unit, Mr. Aubertine said. The map will show the village where there are separate storm-water and sewer lines, and where the two are combined. The village does not have an accurate

picture of where the two systems are combined or separated.

"They don't have a complete map down there. They have bits and pieces," he said.

The work will begin in about a week and will be done over the course of a few months, Mr. Aubertine said.

Carrie M. Tuttle, an engineer from DANC, said the authority will provide a limited study of the system for the village.

"Basically what we'll be doing is a very cursory report of the

system," she said.

The development authority will study the village's and Department of Environmental Conservation's records of the system. It will then develop recommendations to help the village tackle two issues, the sewer smell and its overflow into the river during rainstorms.

The authority's work will cost \$2,800. It will begin as soon as the village provides the records, and will take about seven weeks, Mrs. Tuttle said.