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Grant Funding Continues To Flow into Plainview

Water district receives a \$373k grant from New York State for essential infrastructure upgrades

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The Plainview Water District (PWD) was recently awarded \$373,800 in grant funding through New York State's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA). The grant will support the District's continued efforts to improve its infrastructure and implement state-of-the-art treatment facilities. This is the third grant secured by the Plainview Water District within the past 13 months, totaling more than \$3 million in funding for advanced treatment options.

"We are once again extremely thankful for Governor Cuomo's leadership and

for the support of our State Legislature to make this needed funding available to the Plainview-Old Bethpage community," said Marc Laykind, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. "The district works tirelessly to ensure we provide a high-quality supply of drinking water to every corner of our service territory and we are proud of this accomplishment to upgrade our infrastructure. Due to this funding, new treatment options will be installed, improving the overall health and sustainability of our community's water system."

With the \$373,000 grant and reserve funds, the Plainview Water District is now in a position to build a Granular

Activated Carbon filtration system and begin pumping water from a well that has remained offline since October 2017. This is also the only well in the district's service territory that has not had any advanced treatment. This planned treatment system is currently needed to address the increasing levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) being detected at this specific well site and ensure their efficient removal from the groundwater.

"We are excited to begin working on this needed project that will enable us to bring a well back online and improve the resiliency of our water system," said Commissioner Andrew Bader. "This vital support from New York State and



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their willingness to invest in our community is paramount for our continued successful treatment of VOCs in the groundwater and ensure they are removed well in advance of reaching our residents' taps."

The Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 seeks to invest \$2.5 billion in clean and drinking water projects and water quality protection across New York. It provides at least \$1 billion for the New York State WIIA, which assists municipalities in funding water quality infrastructure. To date, \$750 million in Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and Intermunicipal Grant funding supports nearly \$2.65

billion in total project costs for vital drinking and wastewater infrastructure projects statewide.

"Given that water is a necessity of life, the health of our community very much hinges on the safety and cleanliness of our water supply," said Commissioner Amanda Field. "We are so appreciative of this funding and the recognition of the focused direction this district continues to move in. Water treatment of any kind is expensive, and we are going to continually pursue all available funding sources so our residents received the highest quality water without having to bear the cost burden."