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# More Grant Funding Flows Into Water District

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On behalf of Governor Andrew Cuomo, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) recently issued the Plainview Water District (PWD) an additional \$1.73 million in funding made available through the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA).

A recent change to the EFC's criteria awarded the district this additional funding above and beyond the \$373,000 initially secured by the district for installing state-of-the-art treatment of Volatile Organic Compounds

(VOC). This latest award brings the total grant funding the district has secured to more than \$5 million in the past two and half years.

"We are pleased and thankful that Governor Cuomo heard Long Island water providers' requests to change the grant program to allow more funding to be made available to each district for necessary treatment upgrades," said Marc Laykind, chairman of the district's board of commissioners. "The district works tirelessly to provide high-quality drinking water to every corner of our service territory and the presence of emerging contaminants is making this mission much



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more costly."

With more than \$2.1 million received in grant funding for this project, plus additional reserve funds, the Plainview Water District has fast tracked plans to build a Granular Activated Carbon filtration system and begin pumping water from a well that has remained offline since October 2017. This planned treatment system is currently needed to address the increasing levels of VOCs being detected at this specific well site and ensure their efficient removal from the groundwater. In addition, the treatment facility the grant funding is supporting is also being designed to install a treatment method known as

Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) that has proven to be the most effective method for treating 1,4-dioxane.

"We are looking forward to getting shovels in the ground this fall and getting this well back online to improve the resiliency of our water system," said Commissioner Andrew Bader. "This vital support from New York State and its willingness to invest in our community is significant. We appreciate the attention being paid to improving our drinking water."

The Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 seeks to invest \$2.5 billion in

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wastewater and drinking water projects and water quality protection across New York State. It provides at least \$1 billion for the New York State WIIA, which assists municipalities in funding water quality infrastructure. To date, \$775 million in funding from the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and Intermunicipal Grant funding supports nearly \$2.7 billion in total project costs for vital drinking and wastewater infrastructure projects statewide.

"The Plainview Water District continues to take action to combat the host of issues with emerging

contaminants that are being experienced across Long Island," said Commissioner Amanda Field. "We are appreciative of the continued support from our region's elected officials and for prioritizing funding and the recognition of the direction in which the district continues to move. Our residents can rest assured that the Plainview Water District is going to continue to pursue all available funding sources so they can receive high-quality water while bearing as little of the cost as possible."

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