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**GNWPCD Welcomes Assembly Speaker Heastie, Assemblyman D'Urso  
and Local Officials**

**Great Neck, N.Y. (August 2, 2018)** – The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) recently hosted New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Assemblyman Anthony D'Urso for a presentation and tour of the District's environmentally-friendly and sustainable wastewater treatment center. Commissioner Steve Reiter began the morning with a detailed presentation of the District's extensive cost-saving measures, current innovative services and operations, and its upcoming infrastructure projects aimed at keeping taxes low while protecting the environment for future generations—slated to begin this fall.

Town of North Hempstead Councilwoman Lee Seeman, Town Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, Village of Thomaston Mayor Steven Weinberg, Village of Great Neck Estates Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Farkas, Sierra Club Executive Chair Jane Fasullo and Executive Director of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee Sarah Deonarine were also in attendance for the informative event.

“It was a pleasure to welcome the Assembly Speaker, Assemblyman and our local elected officials to provide all a deeper insight into the proactive measures the District has taken in regards to our state-of-the-art advancements—earning the District recognition as a national leader in the wastewater treatment industry,” said Commissioner Steve Reiter. “We thank all of those who attended for their lasting partnership and constant efforts to secure the necessary funds that enables the District to invest in cost-effective infrastructure.”

Following the presentation, the Commissioners provided the elected officials with a tour of the District's facility—allowing them to observe in real time the discussed facility operations including the ultraviolet disinfection system, anaerobic digesters, microturbine systems and the oxidation ditch.

“There are many environmental issues currently affecting Long Island which will impact generations to come if we do not make them a priority. Climate events will become more prevalent due to climate changes and chemical pollutants, which are an unfortunate reality. Facilities like the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District seek to combat these effects by educating the public about wastewater treatment and assisting in our efforts to preserve the local ecology. I appreciate that NYS Assembly Speaker Heastie took the time to come to tour the GNWPCD and show his support for the need to improve the wastewater industry across the state. I am commending the commissioners - Jerry Landsberg, Patty Katz and Steve Reiter - for the exceptional and innovative work that they do to preserve and safeguard the local environment,” added Assemblymember D'Urso.

For additional information and updates about the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District, please call the office at 516-482-0238 or visit the website at [www.gnwpcd.net](http://www.gnwpcd.net).

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Photo 1: *Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Steve Reiter (far right), Commissioner Patty Katz, Commissioner Jerry Landsberg (second to right), Commissioner Patty Katz (third to right) stands with (l-r) Executive Director of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee Sarah Deonarine, Town Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, Village of Great Neck Estates Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Farkas, State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Village of Thomaston Mayor Steven Weinberg, Assemblyman Anthony D'Urso and Sierra Club Executive Chair Jane Fasullo.*

Photo 2: *Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Steve Reiter (second to right) and Commissioner Patty Katz (far right) speak with State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie (far left) and Anthony D'Urso (second to left) during a recent presentation and tour of the District's headquarters.*

Photo 3: *Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Patty Katz (center) walks with Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie (left) and Assemblyman Anthony D'Urso (right) during a recent presentation and tour of the District's headquarters.*

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