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GNWPCD Announces No Tax Levy Increase For Residents In 2016

On Oct. 2, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) announced that the tax levy for residents in 2016 will not be raised. The expense budget will remain the same under the just-approved 2016 budget as it was in 2015.

"The district's decision not to raise the tax levy for 2016 demonstrates sound fiscal management as the commissioners strive to improve services while reducing expenses," said District Commissioner Steve Reiter. "Future projects including the anaerobic digester upgrade and grease receiving station will help ensure lower energy costs that will be passed along to taxpayers in future years."

Cost savings from recent innovative initiatives such as the micro-turbine co-generation facility upgrade and solar panel installation were key drivers in not having to raise the tax levy for residents in 2016. As a result of these initiatives, the GNWPCD has already saved more than \$108,000 on heating and electrical costs from January through June in 2015 compared to the same time period in 2014.

"Taxpayers are now realizing the savings anticipated when the district first began construction on the micro-turbine facility and solar panel installation," said District Commissioner Deena Lesser. "It is the commissioners'

hope that the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's facility and savings initiatives will serve as a model for other districts both regionally and nationally."

More savings are expected from future green projects as the GNWPCD prepares to be the first municipality on Long Island to realize Governor Cuomo's Reforming the Energy Vision, a statewide clean energy initiative.

The GNWPCD is a special commissioner-run district within the Town of North Hempstead. The GNWPCD has provided sewage services for the Great Neck area since 1914, and currently serves more than 25,000 residents

and businesses in the villages of Great Neck, Saddle Rock, Kensington, and those parts of Thomaston and Great Neck Plaza east of Middle Neck Road, as well as all unincorporated areas north of the Long Island Rail Road and a part of Manhasset. The GNWPCD's mission is to protect the bay, the environment and the health of our society.

For additional information or questions regarding the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's 2016 budget and tax levy decision, contact the district office at 516-482-0238 or online at www.gnwpcd.net.

—Submitted by the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District