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GNWPCD Secures \$500K in New York State Grant Funding

Great Neck, N.Y. (January 13, 2016) – The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) recently announced being awarded a grant of \$500,000 from the New York State Economic Development Council to pursue construction on an anaerobic digester upgrade and grease receiving station, part of a nine million dollar project. The District, one of only a handful of grant recipients on Long Island, received the funding to create jobs and support its ongoing cost-effective green energy initiatives.

“The District would like to thank New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel and Senator Jack Martins for their tireless advocacy for the development of sustainable infrastructure in New York State,” said District Commissioner Deena Lesser. “In addition, the District would also like to thank Assemblyman Steve Englebright for his support. The grease receiving station will significantly improve the performance of our planned anaerobic digester upgrade and our existing microturbine facility. Investing in this innovative, clean technology demonstrates the dedication of everyone involved to pioneering a greener Long Island.”

Construction on the upgrade will create multiple local construction jobs in Great Neck, New York, promoting the economic development of the region and state. Engineering and design work has already begun, and at this time upgrades are projected to be completed sometime in 2018. Once complete, these upgrades will create direct taxpayer savings and further reduce the plant’s environmental impact.

“Once completed, the station will serve as a model for other districts interested in advancing renewable energy,” said District Commissioner Jerry Landsberg. “Thanks to the support of local, regional and state government in advancing sustainable, economic initiatives, the District will be able to provide local Long Island jobs.”

About the GNWPCD

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is a commissioner-run Special Improvement 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 our bay, the environment and the health of our society.

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