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District Announces Update to Severe Weather Plan

Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Mitigates Impact of Potential Emergencies

Great Neck, N.Y. (July 15, 2016) – The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) recently updated its Severe Weather Plan in an effort to reduce the impact of any severe weather that may impact District operations. The revised Plan establishes a strategic policy detailing emergency guidelines in preparation for potential severe weather.

“The District is pleased to announce a new streamlined process for addressing the safety and security of plant operations and residents as we approach hurricane season in the Nassau County region,” said GNWPCD Superintendent Christopher Murphy. “As one of the foremost leaders in the wastewater management industry, ensuring the safety and functionality of plant operations is among the numerous steps the District has taken to effectively serve the Great Neck community.”

The Severe Weather Plan forms an appropriate response structure for District personnel to protect public health during an emergency. Hurricanes pose a significant risk of flooding as heavy bands of rain typically drench affected regions. In preparation for flooding, service vehicles will be kept above expected flood levels, stocked with appropriate emergency equipment. Additionally, communication equipment and sandbags will be kept in key strategic locations to protect critical facilities.

“The District’s Plan follows and exceeds the Environmental Protection Agency’s recommendations for wastewater facilities to maintain critical wastewater services and protect the public’s well-being in an emergency,” said GNWPCD Chairperson Jerry Landsberg. “The updated Plan allows District facilities to minimize the impact of severe weather on District residents.”

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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