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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

**GNWPCD to Residents: Your Homeowner's Insurance May
Cover Repairs to Water and Sewer House Connections**

Insurance Coverage Could Help Homeowners Save Thousands

Great Neck, N.Y. (November 11, 2021)— The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is pleased to inform its residents that it has learned that some insurance companies are offering new insurance coverage designed to assist a homeowner in the repair and/or replacement of their water and sewer house connections. This new coverage can be especially helpful to homeowners, as they are responsible by law for the repair of their house connections. More than a half dozen major insurance carriers licensed to do business in New York are known to have this coverage, so homeowners are advised to contact their broker or insurance company directly to see if they offer this level of insurance.

“We are always looking to help our neighbors save money whenever possible, and upon learning about this offering by some, we wanted to ensure residents knew to inquire about their policy,” said GNWPCD Chairman Steve Reiter. “We strongly suggest our residents contact their insurance provider to see if they are covered for these repairs and/or replacements. Having this coverage can save you thousands as the cost to repair or replace these lines without insurance can exceed \$10,000.”

The District has been made aware that that following companies have started offering these service line connection insurance policies: Andover, Kingstone, NatGen, Narraganset Bay, Occidental/Sage, Utica, Berkshire Hathaway and Sterling.

There are many instances in which homeowners are unknowingly responsible for repairs to underground pipes and wiring which bring several vital services into and out of their homes. Under this insurance policy, not only are these service line repairs covered, but also any damage to outdoor properties caused by these repairs, such as lawns, driveways and walkways. Additionally, if your home is uninhabitable during the repairs, hotel and other costs may be covered as well.