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## **\*\*\*P R E S S R E L E A S E\*\*\***

### **Great Neck Sewer District Welcomes Local Cub Scouts to Tour Its Facility**

*Instilling Passion for the Environment Within Youth is Important to GNWPCD*

**Great Neck, N.Y. (November 17, 2022)**— The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) recently welcomed Cub Scout Troop 178 of Great Neck for a tour of its facility. GNWPCD Chairwoman Patty Katz and Superintendent Christopher Murphy were on hand to educate the Scouts on how each part of the District’s plant plays a vital role in treating the community’s wastewater and keeping the Great Neck Peninsula’s environment free of water pollution.

“It was a true pleasure to welcome the local Cub Scouts to our facility,” said Chairwoman Katz. “Our youth represent the future of our beloved community, and it is crucial that they learn the importance of environmental conservation at a young age. We hope they enjoyed their time with us as much as we did and that they came away with the knowledge and passion necessary for protecting our environment in future generations.”

The GNWPCD has one of the most state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facilities on Long Island, allowing the District to provide the Scouts with a truly special educational opportunity. Chairwoman Katz and Superintendent Murphy went over the functions of the District’s oxidation ditch, microturbines, recently upgraded anaerobic digesters and more. The tour also included a guided explanation of the District’s Grease Receiving Station, which uses recycled grease from restaurants to fuel the District facility. The Grease Receiving Station came online last year and is the first of its kind in Nassau County, giving the Scouts a unique glimpse into one of the most advanced energy-producing practices available.

#### **About the GNWPCD**

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (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 Railroad and a part of Manhasset. The GNWPCD's mission is to protect human health, our bays and the environment.

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Photo Caption: GNWPCD Chairwoman Patty Katz, top, second from left; and Superintendent Christopher Murphy, top left; were excited to welcome Cub Scout Troop 178 of Great Neck to the District's facility for an educational tour of everything the District does to keep the community's environment safe.