



April 17, 2024

Incorporated Village of Garden City  
Village Clerk  
351 Stewart Avenue  
Garden City, NY 11530

Re: 2023 Annual Water Quality Report/Consumer Confidence Report

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Water Authority of Western Nassau County has completed its Annual Water Quality Report ("AWQR")/Consumer Confidence Report ("CCR") for the year ended 2023 in conformance with Title III sections 1150-1153 of the New York State Public Health Law and the United States Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

Community water systems are required to mail the AWQR/CCR to all bill paying customers, and in addition, make a good faith effort to provide these reports to non-bill paying customers. One of these good faith distribution methods includes posting the report in public areas, i.e. municipal buildings, libraries, etc.

Therefore, we are asking you to assist us in these efforts by posting the attached flyer and copy of our report on your bulletin board in order to make it available for public information.

In addition, systems that are required to prepare a supplemental report, which includes the full water quality data for each well utilized during 2023, both before and after treatment, must make that report available at all public libraries within their district. Copies of our supplemental report have been distributed to the appropriate libraries and are listed on the flyer.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Michael Leiner*

Michael Leiner, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

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## 2023 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT



Additional copies of the 2023 Annual Water Quality Report are available at the Water Authority's office located at 1580 Union Turnpike, New Hyde Park, or by calling our customer service department at (516) 327-4100.

A Supplement Report, which contains data for each well utilized during 2023, both before and after treatment, is available for review at the following public libraries and at the Water Authority office.

Questions about either report should be directed to Michael Leiner, the Water Authority's Chief Engineer at (516) 327-4100.

**Elmont Public Library**  
700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont

**Floral Park Library**  
Tulip Avenue & Caroline Place, Floral Park

**Franklin Square Public Library**  
19 Lincoln Road, Franklin Square

**Garden City Public Library**  
60 Seventh Street, Garden City

**Hempstead Public Library**  
115 Nichols Court, Hempstead

**New Hyde Park Public Library**  
155 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park

**Parkville Library**  
10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park

**Valley Stream Public Library**  
160 Verona Place, Valley Stream

# 2023 Annual Water Quality Report

Public Water System  
Identification No.  
NY 2902830

Water Authority of Western Nassau County, 1580 Union Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

## A Message from the Chairman

We are pleased to provide this year's Annual Water Quality Report. In accordance with New York State Public Health Law and Federal regulations, this report provides information about the quality of your drinking water, including a summary of the laboratory results for all testing performed by our independent laboratory during 2023.

This report is intended to aid your understanding of the source of your drinking water; help you understand the process by which safe drinking water is delivered to your home or commercial place of business; and educate customers about the importance of preventive measures, such as source protection, that ensure a safe drinking water supply. Educated customers are more likely to help protect our drinking water sources and to appreciate the challenges and the true costs of providing safe drinking water.

The annual Chairman's Report to the customers within the Water Authority's service area is also included in this document and can be found on page 8. Each year, I am required to provide each customer with a brief financial account of the operations of the water system, including water rates, total revenues, operating and maintenance expense, interest on bonds, as well as information required to be included in our Annual Water Quality Report.

During calendar year 2023, the Water Authority addressed critical capital improvement projects throughout its service territory. These projects included the design, engineering and installation of new wellhead treatment for the removal of 1,4-dioxane and PFAs (polyfluoroalkyl substances); design, award and construction of a new distribution system which includes the replacement of mains, services, valves and hydrants in South Floral Park and a portion of Elmont; completion of new wellhead treatment at a station in New Hyde Park for removal of 1,4-dioxane and PFAs; and commencement of the full rehabilitation of a 1.5 million gallon elevated storage facility in Elmont.

The Water Authority was the recipient of an additional \$5 million of New York State grant to help offset the cost of construction towards installation of new wellhead treatment at Station 15, in Elmont. This is in addition to \$39.4 million in NYS grants awarded in 2021 and 2023.

This year's Annual Water Quality Report, as well as prior year's reports and other useful information, can be found on our website at [www.wawnc.org](http://www.wawnc.org). Additional copies of this Report, as well as a supplemental package of complete water quality data for both treated and untreated water for each well placed in service during 2023, are available at our business office, located at 1580 Union Turnpike, New Hyde Park, New York, 11040.

The Water Authority always has assured the safety of our customers and employees, as well as the protection of our water system assets. Despite recent economic challenges, we are dedicated to providing a continuous and reliable supply of high quality drinking water. We look forward to serving you in 2024 and beyond.

On behalf of the Water Authority, we hope that you and your families remain safe and well. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Please contact us at (516) 327-4100 or by email at [inquiry@wawnc.org](mailto:inquiry@wawnc.org).

Sincerely,

*John E. Ryan*  
Chairman

## About the Water Authority

The Water Authority is a corporate governmental agency constituting a public benefit corporation which was organized and exists under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York. The Water Authority provides the essential services of extraction, treatment, distribution and sale of water for residential, commercial, industrial and public fire protection purposes.

The Water Authority is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 9 members, appointed by the Towns of Hempstead and North Hempstead and the Villages of Bellerose, Floral Park, Garden City, New Hyde Park, S. Floral Park and Stewart Manor for a 2-year term.

**Town of Hempstead**  
George Bakich  
Cherie Zacker

**Town of N. Hempstead**  
Marianna Wohlgemuth

**Village of Bellerose**  
Susan Powderly

**Village of Floral Park**  
Dominick Longobardi

**Village of Garden City**  
Owen Barbour

**Village of New Hyde Park**  
Laura Robinson

**Village of S. Floral Park**  
Gregory Ifill

**Village of Stewart Manor**  
Steven Giannonna

The Water Authority's Board of Directors conducts regularly scheduled meetings which are generally held on the fourth Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at our business office in New Hyde Park.

A press release is submitted to the local newspapers each month announcing the time and date of the regular meeting, as well as any specially scheduled meeting. In addition, a notice is posted on our website at [www.wawnc.org](http://www.wawnc.org), generally two weeks prior to the meeting.

## Lead in Drinking Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. The Water Authority is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for several minutes before using water for drinking, showering, doing laundry, doing dishes or cooking. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Communities Served

Bellerose  
Elmont  
Floral Park  
Floral Park Centre  
Franklin Square \*  
Garden City \*  
New Hyde Park  
North Valley Stream \*  
South Floral Park  
Stewart Manor  
Valley Stream \*

\* Partially served communities

## Are there contaminants in our drinking water?

As New York State ("State") regulations require, the Water Authority routinely monitors your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds.

The table presented on pages 4 through 6, depicts which contaminants were detected in your drinking water. The State allows water systems to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of our data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. You can obtain more information about contaminants and potential health effects by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or the Nassau County Department of Health at (516) 227-9692.

## Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

## Systems with deferrals:

When a public water system (PWS) is issued a deferral, the water system agrees to a schedule for corrective action and compliance with the new PFOS, PFOA, or 1,4-dioxane MCLs. In exchange, the New York State Department of Health (the Department) agrees to defer enforcement actions, such as assessing fines, if the PWS is meeting established deadlines. Deferral recipients are required to update the Department and the Nassau County Department of Health each calendar quarter on the status of established deadlines. The Department can resume enforcement if the agreed upon deadlines are not met. Information about our deferral and established deadline can be found at the Water Authority's website, located at [www.wawnc.org](http://www.wawnc.org).

## What does this information mean?

As you can see by the testing results in the table on pages 4 through 6, our treated water system had no violations, nor have we violated a maximum contaminant level ("MCL") or any other water quality standard. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected. Our comprehensive water quality monitoring and testing confirmed that there was no need to remove any well from service due to water quality in 2023, nor were there any restrictions of our water source. Wells which have aesthetic problems, such as high iron concentrations, or which have higher electrical or chemical treatment costs, are primarily used only during the summer months when the demand for water is higher.

There were many individual contaminants that were analyzed for but not detected. These non-detected contaminants include the following:

**Principal organic contaminants** such as *benzene, bromobenzene, chloromethane, styrene, vinyl chloride*;

**Specific organic chemicals and pesticides** such as *aldicarb, aldrin, carbofuran, endothall, endrin*;

**Physical and inorganic contaminants** such as *arsenic, cadmium, detergents (MBAs), fluoride, silver, thallium*;

**Unregulated contaminants** such as *cobalt, testosterone, molybdenum*.

A complete list of non-detected contaminants can be obtained by contacting the Water Authority's Chief Engineer, Michael Leiner, PE at (516) 327-4100.

## Water Source

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants, inorganic contaminants, pesticides and herbicides, organic chemical contaminants, and radioactive contaminants.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

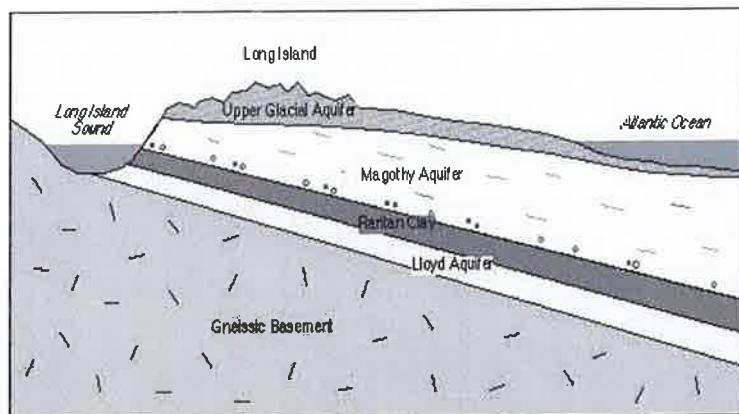
All of the water supplied by the Water Authority comes from groundwater drawn from 24 drilled wells located in the aquifer system beneath the land surface. Our wells are in the Upper Glacial, Magothy and Lloyd aquifers and range in depth from 87 to 722 feet.

## Water Treatment

All well water is treated with chlorine (sodium hypochlorite) prior to distribution for disinfection purposes. Disinfection is mandated by the State Sanitary Code to assure that the water, which is free of bacteria as it is pumped from the aquifer, maintains its bacteria-free quality within the distribution system. Other treatment that the water receives before entering the distribution system includes the use of:

- **Caustic soda (sodium hydroxide):** This is used to neutralize the naturally acidic water found in Long Island groundwater. Raising the pH level to a neutral range of approximately 7.5 minimizes the corrosion of water mains, service lines and household plumbing.
- **Zinc orthophosphate:** This is a corrosion inhibitor which coats the interior surfaces of our water mains and service lines and household plumbing thereby reducing corrosion and extending their useful service life.
- **Air-stripper treatment:** These treatment facilities are used to remove Volatile Organic Compounds from the water prior to distribution. These compounds have entered the water supply as a result of improper disposal practices by industries and have been detected in groundwater.
- **Iron removal treatment plants:** These treatment facilities remove high levels of iron and manganese, which are natural occurring minerals in Long Island groundwater.
- **Granular Activated Carbon:** These treatment facilities remove Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) out of the groundwater.
- **Advanced Oxidation Process:** These treatment facilities remove 1,4-Dioxane out of the groundwater.

These forms of treatment all comply with applicable Federal, State and local drinking water standards.



## Source Water Assessment

The Source Water Assessment was carried out by the New York State Department of Health, with assistance from the local health department and CDM, a consulting firm, to identify the vulnerability of individual wells used by public drinking water systems to potential sources of contamination by microbials, nitrates, pesticides and volatile contaminants based on current land uses and water pumping patterns.

The source water assessment for this system has been completed based on available information, evaluating possible and actual threats to this drinking water source. The source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how rapidly contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility of a water supply well to contamination is dependent upon both the presence of potential sources of contamination within the well's contributing area and the likelihood that the contaminant can travel through the environment to reach the well. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water; it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See the "Table of Detected Contaminants" found on pages 4 through 6 for a complete list of contaminants that have been detected in your drinking water. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

Drinking water is derived from 20 wells. The source water assessment has rated most of the wells as having a very high susceptibility to industrial solvents and most of the wells as having a high susceptibility to nitrates. The very high susceptibility to industrial solvents is due primarily to point sources of contamination related to transportation routes and commercial/industrial facilities and related activities in the assessment area. The high susceptibility to nitrate contamination is attributable to high density residential and commercial land use and related practices in the assessment area, such as fertilizing lawns.

A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be reviewed upon request by contacting the Water Authority's Chief Engineer, Michael Leiner, PE at (516) 327-4100.

**TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS**

Contaminant	Maximum Detection Sample Date (Month/Year)	Level Detected (Maximum) (Range)	Unit Measurement	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Violation	MCLG	Sources in Drinking Water
<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Total Coliform Bacteria <sup>1</sup>	7/23	1.89% Samples were positive in the noted month	Present Or Absent	TT = more than 5.0 percent of the total coliform samples are positive in one month	No	Absent	Naturally present in the environment.
<b>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS &amp; INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	2/23	105 2.8 to 105	mg/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Naturally occurring
Ammonia (as Nitrogen)	12/23	2.8 ND to 2.8	mg/l	No Standard	No	N/A	From fertilizers
Barium	1/23	0.059 ND to 0.059	mg/l	MCL=2	No	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Calcium	12/23	27.7 1.5 to 27.7	mg/l	No Standard	No	N/A	N/A
Chloride	2/23	93.2 3.8 to 93.2	mg/l	MCL=250	No	N/A	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination.
Chlorine Residual	10/23	1.49 0.40 to 1.49	mg/l	MRDL=4 <sup>2</sup>	No	N/A	Water additive to control microbes.
Chromium	12/23	0.019 ND to 0.019	mg/l	MCL=0.10	No	N/A	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	7/21	0.12 <sup>3</sup> 0.0055 to 0.17	mg/l	AL=1.3	No	1,3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Corrosivity (LSI)	1/23	-4.91 -0.21 to -4.91	SI	No Standard	No	0	N/A
Dissolved Solids, Total	12/23	286 35 to 286	mg/l	No Standard	No	N/A	N/A
Hardness, Total (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	12/23	126 9.5 to 126	mg/l	No Standard	No	N/A	N/A
Iron	2/23	350 ND to 350	ug/l	MCL=300 <sup>4</sup>	No	N/A	Naturally occurring
Lead	7/21	2.1 <sup>5</sup> ND to 21.3	ug/l	AL=15	No	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Magnesium	12/23	15.2 1.1 to 15.2	mg/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Naturally occurring
Manganese	1/23	41 ND to 41	ug/l	MCL=300 <sup>4</sup>	No	N/A	Naturally occurring; indicative of landfill contamination.
Nickel	1/23	10 ND to 10	ug/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Naturally occurring
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	2/23	5.2 ND to 5.2	mg/l	MCL=10 <sup>6</sup>	No	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Odor @ 60 °C	1/23, 2/23 & 12/23	1 ND to 1	units	MCL=3	No	0	Organic or inorganic pollutants originating from municipal and industrial waste discharges; natural sources.
Perchlorate	1/23	1.8 ND to 1.8	ug/l	MCL=18 <sup>7</sup>	No	0	Oxygen additive in solid fuel propellant for rockets, missiles, and fireworks.
pH	5/23	8.5 7.1 to 8.5	units	7.5 ≤ pH ≤ 8.5	No	N/A	N/A
Selenium	12/23	0.0031 ND to 0.0031	mg/l	MCL=0.05	No	N/A	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
Sodium	1/23	71.9 3.7 to 71.9	mg/l	MCL=270 <sup>8</sup>	No	N/A	Naturally occurring; road salt; animal waste; water softeners.
Sulfate	2/23	53.7 6.7 to 53.7	mg/l	MCL=250	No	N/A	Naturally occurring
Zinc	1/23	0.52 ND to 0.52	mg/l	MCL=5	No	N/A	Naturally occurring; mining waste.
<b>PRINCIPAL ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Tetrachloroethene	10/23	1.6 ND to 1.6	ug/l	MCL=5	No	N/A	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners; waste sites; spills.
<b>RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Combined Radium 226/228	12/23	3.440 0.890 to 3.440	pCi/l	MCL=5 <sup>9</sup>	No	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha	12/23	4.910 1.890 to 4.910	pCi/l	MCL=15 <sup>9</sup>	No	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Beta	12/23	3.620 2.350 to 3.620	pCi/l	MCL=50	No	0	Decay of natural deposits and man-made emissions.
Uranium	12/23	0.648 0.475 to 0.648	ug/l	MCL=30 <sup>9</sup>	No	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS AND PESTICIDES</b>							
1,4-Dioxane	2/23	0.86 ND to 0.86	ug/l	MCL=1 <sup>10</sup>	No	N/A	Released into the environment from commercial and industrial sources and is associated with inactive and hazardous waste sites.
Dieldrin	8/23	0.14 ND to 0.14	ug/l	MCL=5	No	0	Pesticide used in agriculture for soil and seed treatment; used in treatment of wood and mothproofing of woolen products.
Dinoseb	8/23	0.87 ND to 0.87	ug/l	MCL=7	No	0	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables.
Benzo(a)pyrene	8/23	21 ND to 21	ng/l	MCL=200	No	0	Leaching from lining of water storage tanks and distribution lines.

**TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS (CONTINUED)**

Contaminant	Maximum Detection Sample Date (Month/Year)	Level Detected (Maximum) (Range)	Unit Measurement	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Violation	MCLG	Sources in Drinking Water
<b>SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS AND PESTICIDES (CONTINUED)</b>							
Heptachlor Epoxide	11/23	0.042 ND to 0.042	ug/l	MCL=0.2	No	0	Breakdown of heptachlor.
Picloram	8/23	0.29 ND to 0.29	ug/l	MCL=50	No	0	Herbicide runoff.
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	5/23	17.0 ND to 17.0	ng/l	MCL=10 <sup>11</sup>	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	5/23	33.0 ND to 33.0	ng/l	MCL=10 <sup>11</sup>	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
<b>DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS</b>							
Formaldehyde	11/23	15.9 ND to 15.9	ug/l	MCL=50 <sup>12</sup>	No	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes <sup>13</sup>	6/23	0.86 <sup>14</sup> 1.45 <sup>15</sup> ND to 2.9	ug/l	MCL=80	No	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains organic matter.
<b>UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS MONITORING RULE 4</b>							
Bromide	6/18 & 12/18	497 88 to 497	ug/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Naturally occurring.
<b>UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS MONITORING RULE 5</b>							
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	6/23	5.8 ND to 5.8	ng/l	MCL=10 <sup>11</sup>	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	6/23	10.0 ND to 10.0	ng/l	MCL=10 <sup>11</sup>	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	6/23	7.1 ND to 7.1	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	6/23	9.5 ND to 9.5	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	6/23	3.6 ND to 3.6	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	6/23	4.5 ND to 4.5	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	6/23	3.4 ND to 3.4	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	6/23	7.4 ND to 7.4	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
<b>UNREGULATED PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES</b>							
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	5/23	46.0 ND to 46.0	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	5/23	22.0 ND to 22.0	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	5/23	6.4 ND to 6.4	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	6/23	6.1 ND to 6.1	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	6/23	5.3 ND to 5.3	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	5/23	14.0 ND to 14.0	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Fluorotelomersulfonic acid (6:2FTS A)	6/23	1.9 ND to 1.9	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	5/23	14.0 ND to 14.0	ng/l	No Standard	No	N/A	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
<b>UNSPECIFIED ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Acetone	9/23	6.8 ND to 6.8	ug/l	MCL=50 <sup>12</sup>	No	N/A	Acetone occurs naturally and is used in production of paints, varnishes, plastics, adhesives, organic chemicals, and alcohol. Also used to clean and dry parts of precision equipment.

## Table Definitions

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Value** The values reported for lead and copper represent the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system.

**AL (Action Level)** The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**LRAA (Location Running Annual Average)** The average of analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

**MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as possible.

**MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in your drinking water. A certain amount of disinfectant has been shown to help control germs and microbes in the water.

**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal)** If the value of "Level Detected" column is below the MRDLG there is no known or expected risk to your health.

**N/A** Not applicable.

**ND (Non-detects)** Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**SI (Saturation Index)** A measurement of the Langlier Saturation Index (LSI). LSI is a calculated number used to predict whether water will precipitate, dissolve or be in equilibrium with calcium carbonate. A negative LSI indicates that water has no scaling potential; a positive LSI indicates that scale has the potential to form.

**TT (Treatment Technique)** A required process intended to reduce the level of the contaminant in drinking water.

### Units

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/l)** A measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Nanograms per liter (ng/l)** Corresponds to one part of liquid to one trillion parts of liquid (parts per trillion—ppt).

**Micrograms per liter (ug/l)** Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion—ppb).

**Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million—ppm)

## Table Notes

- 1 In July of 2023, total coliforms were detected in two (2) samples of the 100 monthly routine compliance samples collected in our system during those months. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Three (3) additional samples for each detection were subsequently collected that month and total coliforms were not detected in those samples. Since total coliforms were detected in less than 5 percent of the samples collected during that month, the system did not have an MCL violation.
- 2 Value presented represents the Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) which is a level of disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap without an unacceptable possibility of adverse health effects.
- 3 The value reported for copper represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. In this case 50 samples were collected at your water system and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was the sixth highest value (0.12 mg/l). The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.
- 4 If iron and manganese are present, the total concentration of both should not exceed 500 ug/l.
- 5 The value reported for lead represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. In this case 50 samples were collected at your water system and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was the sixth highest value was (2.1 ug/l). The Water Authority did receive one (1) sample that exceeded the action level of 15 ug/l for lead.
- 6 Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/l is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.
- 7 An MCL has not been established for this contaminant. The value presented represents a State Guidance level.
- 8 Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.
- 9 A MCL violation occurs when the annual composite of four quarterly samples or the average of the analysis of four quarterly samples exceeds the MCL.
- 10 New York State established a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 1 part per billion (ppb) for 1,4-Dioxane as of August 26, 2020.
- 11 The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established a lifetime health advisory (HAL) of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and PFOS combined. New York State established a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 ppt for PFOA and 10 ppt for PFOS as of August 26, 2020.
- 12 Unspecified Organic contaminant classification as defined in 10 NYCRR Part 5.
- 13 Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) means the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. The Location Running Annual Average (LRAA) was used in the table.
- 14 The Location Running Annual Average (LRAA) for Site 1.
- 15 The Location Running Annual Average (LRAA) for Site 2.

## Water Conservation Methods

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water. Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life. Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water storage tanks. It also lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water and saving yourself money in the process by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using and by looking for ways to use less water whenever you can. The following suggestions will help you make your home "water efficient" without sacrificing comfort or changing lifestyles:

- Turn off your automatic lawn sprinkler if rain is expected or install a rain sensor.
- Load your automatic dishwasher to its maximum capacity before running it. Dishwashers use approximately 15 gallons for every cycle regardless of how many dishes are loaded.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth or while shaving.
- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- Check your toilet for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank. Watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl which will indicate a leak. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. By fixing it, you can save more than 30,000 gallons a year.
- Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Simply turn off all faucets and water using appliances, and be sure no one in your family uses water during the testing period. Note the water meter reading and check the meter after 15 minutes. If the dial indicator on the water meter moved, you have a leak.

## Outside Water Use Restrictions

Lawn sprinkling remains the leading nonessential use of water. Your lawn needs about 1-1/2 inches of water a week, preferably in one watering. You shouldn't follow a fixed schedule, but water only when the grass or plants show signs of needing it. During a cool or cloudy spell, you don't need to water as often.

Please remember that Nassau County watering regulations for lawns and gardens are in effect year-round. Outside water usage is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. year-round. Customers with odd-numbered addresses may only water on odd days of the month and customers with even-numbered (or no number) addresses may only water on even days of the month.

## 2023 Statistics At-a-Glance

Wells Closed/Restricted	None
Violations of Standards	None
Number of Service Connections (Customers)	28,095
Population Served	120,000
Total Water Produced (billion gallons) <sup>1</sup>	3.781
Daily Average (million gallons)	10.358
Highest Single Day (million gallons)	17.063
Total Wells in System	24
Active Wells in System	20
Storage Facilities	4 ground, 3 elevated
Storage Capacity (million gallons)	11.8
Miles of Main	234
Fire Hydrants	2,449
Water Obtained or Disbursed through Interconnections With Other Water Suppliers	None
Average Annual Residential Water Rates (based on 101,000 gallons) <sup>2</sup>	\$635.00

<sup>1</sup> Approximately 84.1 percent of the water produced in 2023 was billed directly to customers and 7.0 percent was used for main flushing, hydrant testing and maintenance, and station and tank maintenance. The balance, or unaccounted for water of approximately 8.9 percent, was used for contractor activity, fighting fires, filling street sweepers and sewer cleaning trucks and also includes losses due to leaks, water main breaks and hit hydrants.

<sup>2</sup> On June 1, 2023 the Water Authority implemented a 4.97% rate increase. The majority of Water Authority customers utilize a 5/8" meter and are charged quarterly \$63.82 for the first 9,000 gallons used. All customers pay \$5.836 per thousand gallons for the next 135,000 gallons, and then pay \$5.982 per thousand gallons for usage over 144,000 gallons.

Customers in violation of the Nassau County watering regulations are subject to the following terms adopted by the Water Authority's Board of Directors on May 27, 2003:

1st Violation:	Warning
2nd Violation:	\$50 Service Charge
3rd Violation:	\$75 Service Charge
4th Violation:	\$150 Service Charge
5th Violation:	\$300 Service Charge
Each Additional:	\$300 Service Charge

These service charges will be billed to the customer's water service account.

## System Improvements

In addition to the extensive monitoring and testing performed on our water supply, the Water Authority maintains, services and upgrades its water supply facilities and distribution system regularly. In 2023 capital projects completed or underway included the following:

- The design of a new treatment facility at Station No. 40 (New Hyde Park) for the removal of 1,4-Dioxane and PFAs is completed. The two properties 65 Soma and 69 Soma Street were demolished, to provide adequate space for AOP/GAC wellhead treatment.
- Completion of a new treatment facility at Station No. 57 (New Hyde Park). The new facility provides treatment to remove 1,4 Dioxane and PFAs. The facility also has a new VOC air stripper, emergency generator and the well pumps were raised to 18-inches above finished grade in accordance with NCDOH Sanitary Survey.
- The design for full site rehabilitation at Station No. 44 (South Floral Park) is completed. This project includes raising the well casing of 4 wells above finished grade, two (2) emergency generators and permanent buildings enclosing GAC treatment vessels.
- The South Floral Park and Elmont water main replacement project is well underway. In the calendar year of 2023 we have replaced approximately 13,200 linear feet (2.5 miles) of the distribution system, including new water mains, water services and appurtenances in the Incorporated Village South Floral Park. This project will improve water quality, pressure and flow rates.
- Completed 40,800 linear feet (7.73 miles) design to replace the distribution system in the Incorporated Village of Floral Park including new water mains, water services and appurtenances.
- Full rehabilitation of a 1.5 million gallon elevated storage facility in Elmont is underway.
- Service and hydrant replacements.
- Meter replacements.

Planned improvements for 2024 include:

- Commencement of the construction for the wellhead treatment for 1,4-Dioxane and PFA's for Station No. 44 (South Floral Park) including the construction of new buildings, structures, electrical and mechanical upgrades to treat emerging contaminants.
- Commencement of the construction for the wellhead treatment for 1,4-Dioxane and PFA's for Station No. 40 (New Hyde Park) including the construction of new buildings, structures, electrical and mechanical upgrades to treat emerging contaminants.
- Completion of the South Floral Park and Elmont water main replacement project with an additional 4,750 linear feet (0.90 miles) of water of the distribution system, including new water mains, water services and appurtenances.
- Commencement of the replacement of the distribution system in the Incorporated Village of Floral Park including new water mains, water services and appurtenances.
- Service and hydrant replacements;
- Complete full rehabilitation of 1.5 million gallon elevated storage tank facility in Elmont.
- Construction will commence for the Floral Park water main replacement.
- Lead/Iron pipe service replacement program.
- Computer upgrades and replacements.
- Meter replacements.
- Vehicle and large equipment replacements.

## Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5

In 2023, the Water Authority was required to collect and analyze drinking water samples for unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants that were detected are reported in the Table of Detected Contaminants found on pages 4 and 5 of this report. You may obtain information on the monitoring results by contacting the Water Authority's Chief Engineer, Michael Leiner, PE at (516) 327-

## Annual Chairman's Report Fiscal Year June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023

<b>Total Revenues Earned</b>	<b>\$23,889,838</b>
<b>Operating and Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,675,300</b>
<b>Interest Expense on Long-term Debt</b>	<b>\$5,318,305</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>\$2,114,982</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>\$639,257</b>

**Additional expenses during the year included depreciation and amortization of original revenue bond and subsequent refinancing closing costs associated with the original purchase of the water system.**

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## 2023 Annual Water Quality Report

### About this Report

To comply with New York State (“State”) regulations, the Water Authority annually issues a report describing the quality of your drinking water. During 2023, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, and reporting requirements.

During the 2023 calendar year, the Water Authority conducted more than 43,000 tests for over 189 drinking water contaminants. Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and State drinking water health standards.

This report provides an overview of last year’s water quality and includes details about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to EPA and State standards. As in years past, our system was in compliance with all applicable State drinking water operating and reporting requirements as well as notification procedures.

If you have any questions about this report or your drinking water, please contact Michael Leiner, PE our Chief Engineer, at (516) 327-4100.

### Share This Report

Landlords, businesses, schools, hospitals and other groups are encouraged to share this important water quality information with water users at their location who are not customers of the Water Authority of Western Nassau County.

Additional copies of this report are available on our website at [www.wawnc.org](http://www.wawnc.org).

Or contact our customer service department at:

(516) 327-4100

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.