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## NWWA COMPLETES WASTEWATER SYSTEM INTERCONNECT

System Upgrades Continue

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### **North Wales Water Authority Completes Waste Water Interconnection**

The North Wales Water Authority (NWWA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce its recently completed interconnection of the North Wales Borough sanitary sewer system with the neighboring Upper Gwynedd Township sanitary sewer system.

The NWWA purchased and commenced operation of the North Wales Borough sanitary sewer system in early 2007, immediately initiating upgrades to the collection portion of the system. At that time, the Authority began evaluations of either upgrading the wastewater treatment facilities, or in lieu thereof, connecting to a larger neighboring sewer system – such as with Upper Gwynedd, in order to capitalize upon the inherent economies of scale.

This evaluation, enhanced by a \$2 million dollar grant from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Finance Authority, allowed the Authority to conclude that a system interconnection, as recently completed, was in the long-term best interests of all NWWA sewer customers - both environmentally, and financially.

Upon reaching this conclusion, the Board immediately authorized formal discussions with representatives of Upper Gwynedd Township, eventually resulting in an agreement to interconnect the two systems. Upon execution of the agreement, engineering, project bidding, and construction was quickly underway, with the actual connection and flow diversion taking place on July 9, 2013.

This project received strong support from the PA. Department of Environmental Resources, as well as formal endorsements by State Senator; Stewart J. Greenleaf, and State Representative; Catherine “Kate” Harper - both of whom noted the importance of the intergovernmental cooperation demonstrated by this project.

The NWWA Directors have supported this project as a means of stabilizing long-term sewer rates for the community, as well as to provide enhanced protections to the local watershed. In completing the interconnection, the NWWA Board wishes to acknowledge and note the active participation of the Upper Gwynedd Commissioners, and all parties involved in the process, for their concerted efforts in making this concept, a reality.

The NWWA will continue to own and operate the sanitary sewer collection system, noting that Borough sewer customers will continue to receive services directly from the NWWA staff, including any needed response to emergencies, regular customer services, including processing of billing and system inquiries.

The NWWA plans to continue upgrading the entire collection system, including ongoing efforts to locate – and then eliminate, sources of inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the collection system.

Additional information on this project is available by contacting Mr. Robert C. Bender, NWWA Executive Director, at (215) 699-4836.

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