Aqua Pennsylvania Secures Nearly $78 Million in Low-Interest Loans to Support Installation of More than 133,000 Feet of Water Mains & New Fire Hydrants

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Company has been awarded nearly $115 million in low-interest loans and grants from PENNVEST in the past 3-years

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 17, 2024-- Aqua Pennsylvania announced today it secured low-interest loan funding through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to support its ongoing commitment to replace aging infrastructure across Pennsylvania. The $77.5 million in funding will support 21 projects to install new and replace aging water mains and fire hydrants over the next three years, resulting in reduced water loss due to leaks and breaks, and improved service and reliability for tens of thousands of customers in Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester Counties. These projects will be funded by PENNVEST's Programmatic Financing (ProFi) program, which allows utilities to seek funding based on annual or multi-year projects, rather than the traditional project-specific lending strategy. Aqua Pennsylvania is the first Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission-regulated water utility to secure funding through the ProFi program.

"These projects will serve our customers for generations to come. With some pipes in our state dating back decades, this essential work assists in our commitment to provide the highest quality of service for our customers today and well into the future," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Marc Lucca.

These projects replace and add 133,400 lineal feet of water mains with more durable, modern materials, reducing the likelihood of main breaks and increasing system reliability in more than a dozen communities served by Aqua Pennsylvania. Improvements include replacing aging pipes in poor condition or those having a history of leaks. The projects also improve public safety with the installation of approximately 80 new fire hydrants.

The water main replacements will positively impact customers in the following communities:

DELAWARE COUNTY

- Aldan Borough, Haverford Township, Marple Township, Nether Providence Township, Springfield Township and Upper Darby Township

BUCKS COUNTY

- Bensalem Township, Lower Southampton Township and Warminster Township

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

- Collegeville Borough, Hatboro Borough, Lower Merion Township and Perkiomen Township

CHESTER COUNTY

- Tredyffrin Township, Uwchlan Township and West Bradford Township

"I am extremely proud of the Aqua Pennsylvania team who diligently identified and pursued this funding. These low-interest loans allow us to efficiently complete this work for our customers," said Lucca. "I want to specifically thank PENNVEST for their assistance in securing these funds."

With this $77.5 Million in funding, Aqua Pennsylvania has now secured nearly $115 million in grants and low-interest loans for projects across the Commonwealth. Aqua Pennsylvania will continue to seek these funding opportunities as part of its commitment to exemplary service and affordability.

About Aqua Pennsylvania

Aqua Pennsylvania provides water and wastewater service to approximately 1.5 million people in 32 counties throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Visit AquaWater.com for more information or follow @MyAquaWater on Facebook and @MyAquaWater on X.

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