

The town of Glenville thanks Senator Hugh Farley for securing \$250,000 in funding that will be used for upgrades to the town's water plant. This grant will be a critical component toward us taking steps to protect our precious natural resource by implementing flood mitigation initiatives. The town's water supply came within inches of being compromised during Superstorm Irene in 2011.

"There are so many people to thank for this true team effort. So many people came together to work towards ensuring the safety and health of our residents," said Supervisor Chris Koetzle.

The Town Board authorized the Wellhead Protection Committee after Hurricane Irene as a way to help protect the water supply. "The committee headed by Dr. Carl George, did so much important work and provided us with a comprehensive list of needed action. We thank them all for all their time and effort," said Gina Wierzbowski, the liaison to the committee.

John Pytlovany added, "I also want to thank Cal Welch and his committee for all their work in helping the Board prioritize the recommendations. Their expertise and the time they gave toward this effort is much appreciated." Koetzle credited Pytlovany for making this a priority in the town's 2015 strategic plan. "Both John and Gina, in particular, have shown tremendous leadership on this and were instrumental in making this happen," said Koetzle.

Supervisor Koetzle also thanked Mike Burns of the Planning department and Tom Coppola, Commissioner of Public Works, for their work on this project and for making this a priority.

Earlier this year, the town helped secure \$1.7 million through DEC to pay for the installation of a water line in the Sunnyside Road neighborhood area to provide public water to residents after their wells were threatened by an environmental spill on Freeman's Bridge Road. This ensured that taxpayers wouldn't have to pay for this infrastructure investment.

"This is all part of the Board's focus on protecting our resident's water supply and ensuring that we all enjoy safe, affordable and clean water for generations," concluded Koetzle. In total the town, through these grants and awards, will invest over \$2 million in the town's water system.

