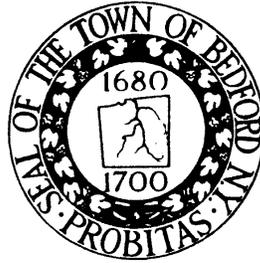


**TOWN OF BEDFORD
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Kevin Winn, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works



Update on Farms and Old Post Road Districts Water Supply and Treatment – April 2022

This update is to provide additional information on the PFOS and PFOA maximum contaminant level exceedances in these districts, and to share the news that the Town applied for and will receive an \$841,000 grant from New York State to help resolve this water quality issue. This will pay for 60% of the estimated project cost described below, and we are very grateful to NYS for the assistance.

As background, our public water systems found the chemicals perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in your drinking water at concentrations between 11.0 and 19.8 parts per trillion throughout 2021 in Well 2. The detection is a result of new monitoring that was required to begin in the first quarter of 2021. The concentrations in well 2 are above New York State's maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 parts per trillion. New York State Health Department has stated that the MCL is set well below levels known or estimated to cause health effects, and that consuming drinking water with PFOA and PFOS at or somewhat above the MCL does not pose a significant health risk. Your water continues to be acceptable for all uses.

The water system that provides water to your property has two wells. The PFOA and PFOS levels in Well 1 have been below the MCL. Well 2 is our backup well, and system demand can be met using only Well 1. Well 2 is currently only used when quarterly sampling is required.

Steps that were considered for a long term solution included developing new source of supply wells, or installing treatment on the existing wells to remove PFOA and PFOS. After reviewing the pros and cons of the two options, the Town intends to proceed with a new source of supply consisting of two wells on property off of David Lapsley Road. There is an aquifer below the property with reasonable yield and good water quality. Challenges include the need for easements from two property owners and uncertainty about groundwater quality and quantity until test wells are installed. Preliminary estimated average cost is \$250/year per customer after including the benefit of the grant.

The Town is working with the Westchester County Department of Health to implement steps necessary to install new wells, and applied for County approval in February 2022 to install test wells to evaluate groundwater quality and subsurface conditions. The Town also confirmed that the property owners are willing to provide the required easements. We will continue to move the project forward.

Please contact DPW Commissioner Kevin Winn at 914-241-2458 or kwinn@bedfordny.gov with any questions. More information is available at <https://bedfordny.gov/water-districts/>

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