



## **Kennett Square Awarded \$551,500 to Replace Aging Water Treatment Plant**

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Kennett Square Borough, Chester County – Kennett Square Borough has worked diligently with its partners to replace the community’s 70-plus year-old water treatment plant. On Tuesday, December 19, this effort took a major step forward as the Borough secured a more than half-a-million-dollar grant from the state.

The plant is currently the borough’s single source for clean water. It sits in a floodplain and its equipment is aging. As such, a preemptive plant replacement is the most efficacious way to ensure adequate water supply to the community and to keep rates controlled.

“Infrastructure is a vital public investment, and we are ecstatic to hear the borough was awarded this grant,” Borough Council President Doug Doerfler said. “Our water treatment facility not only serves all the nearly 6,000 borough residents, but also residents in Kennett and East Marlborough townships. We are extremely grateful to Sen. John Kane and Rep. Christina Sappey for helping us secure this grant.”

Kennett Square is one of 209 applicants that were recommended for an award from the Commonwealth Financing Authority from COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA program. The \$551,000 award will join an existing \$500,000 award from the Chester County ARPA grant program to construct the new plant.

“The Kennett community should not have to worry about the state of its water and I am thrilled to see them receive this crucial funding for their water treatment project”, said Senator John I. Kane. “This grant award is a testament to our shared commitment to improving the quality of life in our district. I am eager to continue to do whatever I can to help bring this project into fruition.”

The project will include a full plant replacement. New filters, chemical tanks, electrical and control equipment, greensand filters and other systems are proposed to be installed at the new facility. As a result, the new treatment plant is expected to provide higher quality

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water than the existing plant.

“It a priority of mine to make sure our local water infrastructure is reliable and safe,” Representative Christina Sappey said. “The Borough of Kennett Square proposed a vitally important project to me to meet these goals and I am pleased to be able to provide my support. A great number of people will benefit from this project now, and in the generations to come.”

The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides for single-year or multi-year grants to municipalities or municipal authorities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm water projects. Act 54 of 2022 appropriated \$205.4 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to the H2O PA – Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Water Projects Program.