

# 2025

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## Annual REPORT



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# MESSAGE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

## TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS:

The Suffolk County Water Authority is proud to report that 2025 marked one of the most significant milestones in our history. This year, SCWA achieved full compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new 4 parts per trillion national drinking water standard for PFAS—six years ahead of the 2031 regulatory deadline. Despite the widespread presence of PFAS in Long Island’s aquifer, we are tackling one of the most significant water quality challenges of our era. The rapid and strategic expansion of our PFAS treatment systems allows us to deliver high quality drinking water that meets this most stringent standard.

By advancing our installation program, we’ve been able to remove PFAS to non-detect levels at more wells than ever before, ensuring that our customers continue to receive water of the highest quality. This achievement was made possible by the dedication, innovation and hard work of our employees, and it shows how far we can go when we work together toward a common goal.

As we look ahead, SCWA remains focused on protecting our water supply, investing in critical infrastructure and continuing to deliver the exceptional service our customers depend on every day.




**CHARLES A. LEFKOWITZ**  
CHAIRMAN

## OPERATING AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Dollars in Thousands	Year End May 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
TOTAL REVENUES	\$523,292	\$326,027	\$300,426
OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	\$188,389	\$145,411	\$139,091
WATER PLANT AT COST	\$1,333,922	\$1,304,232	\$1,259,971
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS	\$890,781	\$893,456	\$919,997
INTEREST ON BOND AND NOTES	\$29,398	\$29,402	\$29,643
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$242,065	\$90,739	\$71,319
CUSTOMERS IN ACTIVE SERVICE	404,436	403,954	403,042
MILES OF WATER MAIN IN SERVICE	6,087	6,076	6,060
FIRE HYDRANTS IN SERVICE	36,423	36,315	36,221
WATER PUMPED (IN BILLIONS OF GALLONS)	74.0	68.6	74.5
EMPLOYEES	564	563	543

**\$523M**  
TOTAL REVENUES FOR 2025

**404,436**  
CUSTOMERS IN ACTIVE SERVICE FOR 2025

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# AHEAD OF THE CURVE



# MEETING THE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS EARLY

In 2025, the Suffolk County Water Authority achieved a milestone few water providers nationwide have reached—full compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new 4 parts per trillion national drinking water standard for PFAS, six years before the 2031 regulatory deadline. This accomplishment comes despite the widespread presence of PFAS in Long Island’s aquifer and demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest quality drinking water to our customers.

Our work toward this goal began more than a decade ago. SCWA started testing for PFAS in 2013, well before any state or federal regulations were in place. When New York State began considering its own standard in 2020, we were already installing Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment systems to remove PFAS and pilot testing new treatment methods. By 2024, when the EPA announced its 4 ppt national standard, SCWA had already been in compliance with New York’s stricter 10 ppt limit for four years—positioning us to move quickly. The SCWA Board made the decision to meet the new federal standard early because our customers expect the highest quality water possible, and earning their trust remains central to everything we do. When PFAS is detected above the national drinking water standard, SCWA utilizes treatment systems to remove the contaminant before water is delivered to customers.

Meeting that goal has required overcoming significant hurdles. Beyond the challenge of sourcing treatment vessels amid post-COVID supply chain constraints, the activated carbon required for filtration has become one of SCWA’s largest operating expenses. When the carbon becomes saturated and must be replaced, wells often need to be taken offline, sometimes during peak summer demand. Despite these obstacles, we continue to expand treatment and manage supply carefully. We won’t stop until every drop of water we deliver contains no detectable PFAS.

# THE MOST COMPLETE VIEW OF YOUR WATER

We proudly tested for approximately 389 chemical constituents in 2025, about 240 more than regulations require. Our internal thresholds are stricter than required by state and federal regulators, and our laboratory operates around the clock to ensure every sample meets those expectations. We continue investing in cutting-edge instrumentation and modern analytical methods, maintaining our position as one of the most advanced public water laboratories in the country.

This year we launched *My Water Quality*, a new online tool that gives customers a precise, location-specific look at their drinking water. SCWA operates approximately 600 supply wells at 243 sites across Suffolk County, and although the system may appear to be one large network, water typically moves only short distances. Most customers receive water from a small cluster of nearby wells. The tool provides actionable information by showing results from the wells supplying each customer's address. Customers enter their address and receive a clear report showing water quality results.

The launch of *My Water Quality* improves transparency and trust by helping customers understand exactly what is in their water. It also sets the stage for future improvements as we expand how we share testing information. Our laboratory will carry this work forward into 2026 as we advance methods, improve systems and continue delivering water quality information with clarity and precision.



# CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

The Suffolk County Water Authority advanced major infrastructure projects to bring high quality public water to communities long affected by water quality concerns. In Calverton, SCWA began its multi-phase South River Road initiative, launched after private wells in the area were found to contain some of the highest PFAS levels recorded in Suffolk County. Through a coordinated effort with federal, state and local partners, SCWA secured more than \$8 million in grant funding to fully cover construction and customer connections. Phase 1 installed over 20,000 feet of new water main, and provided reliable service to dozens of homes, with additional phases underway to extend public water to more than 200 properties by 2026.



On the South Shore, SCWA completed the long-awaited Oak Beach project when it began operation of a new public water system that included new wells, treatment and a modern distribution network. With the new system in service, residents are enjoying a reliable supply of high quality water.

SCWA continues to expand its treatment capabilities to meet evolving water quality challenges. We now operate 19 advanced oxidation process systems that destroy 1,4-dioxane, including three placed into service this year. In addition, SCWA operates a total of 206 granular activated carbon systems, with 10 installed in 2025 specifically to remove PFAS. Further proof that we are meeting the most pressing water quality challenges of the day head on.

# THE NORTH FORK MAIN PROJECT TAKES SHAPE



The North Fork Water Main Project is the largest single infrastructure investment in Suffolk County Water Authority history and a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen long-term water supply reliability in Southold. The project will construct a new 24-inch transmission water main connecting our western supply sources to the North Fork, giving our customers access to a more robust and resilient water system. This added capacity will obviate the need for advanced treatment systems, protect sensitive local aquifers and ensure we can meet peak demand during the region's busiest months without stressing local wells.

In 2025, SCWA made major strides in its rigorous environmental review process. We held three environmental scoping sessions to gather direct input from residents, local leaders and environmental stakeholders. Their feedback shaped the Final Scope for the environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS will evaluate potential impacts on groundwater, traffic, wetlands, cultural resources and construction activity, and outline mitigation measures to avoid or minimize those impacts. A final EIS is on track to be completed and released for formal public comment in 2026.

This work keeps the project on track to break ground in 2026. Once completed, the North Fork Main will give the region the system redundancy and water-quality flexibility it has never had—allowing us to better manage drought conditions, reduce stress on small well fields and maintain consistent, high-quality water for our customers year-round.

# DRY SUMMER PUTS SUFFOLK ON ALERT

This summer, the Suffolk County Water Authority issued a Stage 1 Water Alert after prolonged heat and limited rainfall drove water demand to elevated levels. Storage tank levels dropped during peak periods, prompting a Stage 1 Water Alert to be declared for all customers. Maintaining consistent system pressure—vital for effective fire response—remained the primary focus for our Production Control team.

Customers responded by reducing lawn irrigation and other nonessential outdoor use, which helped stabilize demand during one of the season's most challenging stretches. Their cooperation, combined with careful system management, allowed SCWA to maintain reliability throughout the alert period.

Even as conditions improved, SCWA continued to reinforce the importance of responsible outdoor water use, including adherence to the odd/even lawn watering schedule. This policy reduces peak demand, supports healthier landscapes and helps safeguard Long Island's sole-source aquifer, particularly during periods of unpredictable rainfall.

As system conditions recovered, the Stage 1 Water Alert was lifted later in the summer. The impact of coordinated conservation efforts and the value of ongoing customer partnership in protecting the region's water supply continues to be the most effective tool we have in managing increased summer demand.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Suffolk County Water Authority advanced the redevelopment of its Oakdale campus with the start of work on a new Operations building. Early site preparation began with clearing space for a new multi-use building, making way for further changes to the campus during construction. Initial plans and renderings presented to the Board show a modern, functional building designed to bring more staff together and improve coordination across departments.

The project also includes features that will strengthen Oakdale's role as SCWA's headquarters, including a flexible event space and enhancements to the campus landscape. While the design will continue to evolve, these early steps mark meaningful progress toward a more efficient and unified operational hub that will support SCWA's work for decades to come.



# ONE OF THE LARGEST GROUNDWATER SUPPLIERS IN THE COUNTRY

## MISSION

Our mission is to provide the customers of the Suffolk County Water Authority the highest quality water at the lowest possible cost with excellent customer service.

## ABOUT US

The Suffolk County Water Authority is an independent public-benefit corporation operating under the authority of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York. Serving approximately 1.2 million Suffolk County residents, the Authority operates without taxing power on a not-for-profit basis.

**6,076** MILES OF WATER MAIN IN THE GROUND

**389** CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS TESTED

**95,668** SAMPLES ANALYZED

## CORPORATE INFORMATION



TOP ROW (FROM LEFT): BOARD MEMBER JOHN ROSE, STEVEN GALANTE, CHRISTOPHER CECCHETTO, FRANK TASSONE, BOARD MEMBER JOHN PORCHIA III  
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