



SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

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Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Wainscott Resident:

The Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) has entered into an agreement with the Town of East Hampton to connect your property to the SCWA's public water system as part of the Wainscott water supply project to address contamination of private wells in the Wainscott area.

There are two components to this project. The first is the installation of water mains and service taps in the street to bring water to the edge of your property. The second is the installation of a private service line across your property to your home or business and the disconnection of your private well.

The Town will issue bonds to pay for the cost of the project, estimated at \$24.3 million, and is actively working with the SCWA to secure grant funding to offset some of the cost to taxpayers. The water main and service tap component of the project will be repaid from the Town's General Outside Village fund and is estimated to cost approximately \$35 to \$38 per year for a house assessed at \$7,000 (market value of \$1.2 million). The private service line component of the project will ultimately be paid by the particular property owners themselves, though the Town will cover the cost upfront. For more information about the financing portion of this program, I urge you to visit the Town of East Hampton's website at eamptonny.gov.

Water main will be installed on all roads where none currently exist by SCWA's water main contractor, Roadwork Construction Corp.

The SCWA contractor, Asplundh Construction, will be installing the private service line from inside your house/business to your property line at the street.

Service taps will be installed by SCWA crews or by our contractor. This connects your private service line to the water main. The service tap includes installation of a curb stop valve, a water meter vault and a water meter at the property line.

The connection steps and the coordination required between SCWA, our contractor and you the property owner to install your private service line are outlined below:

- 1) Complete the enclosed application card and return it to our office using the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2) Once we receive the application card, Asplundh Construction will contact you to schedule an appointment for you to meet with them to discuss the installation of your private service line. The private service line will be installed from the inside of your home/business to the edge of your property near the street where the curb stop valve and water meter vault are located. Asplundh Construction will need access to the inside of your building/home to perform an internal inspection to determine the best location to install the private service line from the inside and out to your property line. **After installation, this private service line will become your property, and you will be responsible for maintaining it in the future.**

3) Following the site visit, Asplundh Construction will schedule an appointment with you to install the private service line from inside your building/home to the edge of the property line. The contractor will also install a shut off valve for this pipe inside your building/home.

4) After the private service line is installed, Asplundh Construction will contact SCWA to schedule an appointment to inspect it. (SCWA will not need inside access for this appointment.) Once the installation line passes inspection, SCWA will paint a blue mark in the street. The contractor will then restore any lawn or paved areas disturbed by the installation of the private service line.

5) Next SCWA will connect your private service line to the water main in the street by connecting it to the tap line in the meter vault. This should occur within 5-10 business days of the inspection. The contractor will then contact you to schedule an appointment to disconnect your well from the building/home plumbing and turn the water on at the curb stop. The New York State Department of Health strongly recommends against continued use of your existing well for irrigation or any other purpose.

6) Once the private service line is connected to the water main and a meter is installed, SCWA will again need inside access to your home/building to verify that the well has been properly disconnected from the internal plumbing system.

7) Certain non-residential installations and homes with geothermal systems and/or fire suppression systems may require that a backflow prevention device be added on the private service line. This is determined on a case-by-case basis. If this determination is made for your property, you will be contacted by our Cross Connection Control Department via a separate process.

8) When work is completed, SCWA contractors will restore all work areas impacted by the construction. Please note, the asphalt placed immediately after construction is a temporary patch. Once the ground has settled permanent restoration will be completed usually within 3-6 months following installation including reseeded of grass where needed. Winter can also affect the timeline of permanent restoration. If you experience any problems with the temporary restoration, please contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you as a customer of the SCWA, and we will connect you to our system as quickly as possible. Please contact Marie Berkoski, New Service Supervisor at 631-563-0251 or marie.berkoski@scwa.com and fred.berg@scwa.com if we can answer any questions for you during this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Szabo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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