

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
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*ECWA, TOWN OF LANCASTER OPEN NEW PUMP STATION*

LANCASTER, NEW YORK – Erie County Water Authority officials and Town Supervisor Robert H. Giza today officially opened the William Street Pump Station at the intersection of William and Penora Streets in Lancaster. The \$2.3 million pump station was constructed to improve water service delivery and fire flows in the southern portion of the Town where low water pressure has been a problem for several years.

“This is a great day for the Town of Lancaster,” Supervisor Giza said. “This new pump station will finally address our water pressure problems and will improve the quality of life and safety of our residents.”

To move the project forward, the Town and ECWA reached a mutually beneficial agreement, in which the Town deeded land it owned to the ECWA, and the construction costs were shared equally.

“This is another example of the ECWA working with a local municipality to benefit our ratepayers, and I would like to thank Supervisor Giza and Town Board members for their cooperation in helping make this project a reality,” said ECWA Chairman Mark G. Patton. “This is a win-win for the Town, the ECWA and most importantly, our more than 7,400 customers in Lancaster.”

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Prior to being fully operational, ECWA engineers put the pump station through a series of performance tests over the last several weeks. Very few problems were experienced and the station is currently pumping an average of 7 million gallons per day. It has a peak pumping capacity of 18 million gallons a day.

According to ECWA Executive Director Robert A. Mendez, the new pump station is part of an ongoing capital improvement program in the ECWA's northeast service area, where increases in population and economic development have increased water demand. In addition to the William Street pump station, the ECWA recently finished work on a new pump station and transmission main on Harris Hill Road in the Town of Clarence.

"For several years, the northeast section of Erie County has been growing at a rapid pace, and this project is part of the ECWA's effort to adequately serve our customers in that portion of our service district," Mendez said. "This is a state of the art pump station that was built to not only handle current demand, but future increases in demand as well."

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*The Erie County Water Authority is an independent, public-benefit corporation made up of dedicated professionals who strive to continuously provide customers a plentiful supply of safe, clean drinking water at an affordable rate. The ECWA serves more than 550,000 consumers in 33 municipalities throughout Western New York and is the second largest regional water authority in New York State.*



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