

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
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**Giambra, ECWA, Calhoun Announce  
First Ever Public Water Service in Colden**

*“Colden Elementary and Colden residents will now have a safe and reliable supply of water,” says Giambra.*

Erie County Executive Joel A. Giambra, Erie County Water Authority Chairman Mark G. Patton and Erie County Water Authority Commissioners Robert J. Lichtenthal, and Acea Mosey-Pawlowski were joined by Colden Town Supervisor Marilyn J. Calhoun, Colden Town Councilman Gerald F. Pietraszek, and Colden Elementary School Principal Robert Barnes to announce that the Town of Colden has reached an agreement to receive water service from the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA).

For over a decade, Town of Colden leaders have expressed a desire to upgrade the Town’s water system from well water to a public water system.

Erie County Executive Giambra pointed out that the ECWA has given the town of Colden a letter of supply. According to the agreement:

- Colden will no longer be reliant on well water and will be converted to a public water system;
- The ECWA will supply water to 200 households or approximately 700 residents;
- Colden will receive water from Water District No. 1; and
- The Town of Colden has an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Boston to supply water from District No. 1.

The cost of the conversion of Colden to a public water supply is \$2.2 million. The New York State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund has approved a thirty-year loan to the Town of Colden at zero percent interest to pay for the costs of the project.

“Colden Elementary and Colden residents will now have a safe and reliable supply of water,” said Erie County Executive Joel A. Giambra. “I’m pleased that Supervisor Calhoun, the ECWA Commissioners and my Administration were able to work hand-in-hand to provide Colden residents with a state of the art water delivery system. This agreement is proof positive that government can work smarter, cheaper and better.”



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“The ECWA is pleased to have reached an agreement with the Town of Colden that will improve the health, safety and quality of life of its residents,” said ECWA Chairman Mark G. Patton. “This project has been in the pipeline for several years and would not have been possible without the assistance and cooperation of the County Executive, Supervisor Calhoun and town council members.”

“A safe supply of drinking water is crucial to the health and public safety of our town,” said Supervisor Calhoun. “I applaud County Executive Giambra and the ECWA for their efforts to make this project happen. This is the type of project that government leaders should work on together.”

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