

# History & Operations

## Background

The Water Authority of Western Nassau County (the "Water Authority") is a corporate governmental agency constituting a public benefit corporation which was organized and exists under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.

The Water Authority was established in 1990 pursuant to the "Water Authority of Western Nassau County Act," now codified as Title 8-C of Article 5 of the Public Authorities Law of the State. It was created for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating a water supply and distribution system within the territorial boundaries of the Water Authority of Western Nassau County District.

The Water Authority began water service operations on May 29, 1996 after acquiring by condemnation the Nassau County portion of the water supply and distribution system previously owned by Jamaica Water Supply Company.

The Water Authority is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members, two appointed by the Town of Hempstead, one appointed by the Town of North Hempstead and one member each appointed by the village boards of the Villages of Bellerose, Floral Park, Garden City, New Hyde Park, South Floral Park and Stewart Manor. Each member's term is for a period of two years.

The officers of the Water Authority consist of a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, who may, but need not be, members of the Board of Directors, but shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

The Water Authority provides the essential services of extraction, treatment, distribution and sale of water for residential, commercial, industrial and public and private fire water protection purposes. The source of the water supply is from underground water aquifers.

Standards  
Water provided to our customers has met and continues to meet all drinking water standards established by the Federal and state governments. Our mission is to satisfy customer expectations for high quality, reliable water service provided in a responsive and efficient manner at the lowest reasonable price.