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## Hooksett Village Water Precinct stresses importance of resilient water infrastructure during Drinking Water Week 2023

Hooksett, NH – <u>Hooksett Village Water Precinct</u> and partners throughout North America are celebrating Drinking Water Week, a decades-long tradition celebrating the vital role water plays in everyday life for the communities they serve. Drinking Water Week is May 7-13 this year.

HVWP is observing Drinking Water Week by encouraging consumers to learn about the critical infrastructure that transports safe drinking water to consumers. The estimated two million miles of water mains across North America are aging, and increased investment is necessary to assure they can continue to reliably deliver safe water to homes and businesses.

"Our local water systems protect public health, fight fires, support the economy and provide everyday conveniences—they are a critical part of [the] way of life we take for granted," said American Water Works Association CEO David LaFrance. "The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act injected \$50 billion into water and other infrastructure. While a great start, additional investments will be needed to keep water, the lifeblood of our communities, flowing."

HVWP Superintendent Mike Heidorn noted that "water is our most valuable natural resource. The Precinct is committed to proactively maintaining and upgrading local water infrastructure to protect public health, safeguard the environment and invigorate our economy. We are actively completing capital improvements that exemplify this long-term commitment to our community."

For more information about HVWP infrastructure projects and planning, visit the Precinct's website. They are currently completing \$2.5M in distribution system and storage improvements in the Vista Drive / RT3A area and on the Daniel Webster Highway. HVWP is also assisting the Town of Hooksett with its \$7M Exit 11 "TIF" District development project.

## **About Drinking Water Week**

For several decades, Drinking Water Week has provided a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in daily lives and in times of crisis. Free materials for download and additional information about Drinking Water Week are available on the AWWA's website.

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