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Oyster Bay Water District Voted Best Tasting Water in Nassau County

Hundreds of Long Islanders Participated in Long Island Water Conference's Best Tasting Water Competition

Oyster Bay, NY (June 21, 2018)—The Oyster Bay Water District was recently honored with the Long Island Water Conference's (LIWC) prestigious title of Nassau County's Best Tasting Water. The LIWC's 33rd annual competition at Farmingdale State College serves to celebrate National Drinking Water Week and the quality of Long Island's tap water. This year, hundreds of residents attended the three-day taste test contest to cast their votes on the water they believed had the greatest taste from 24 different water districts across Nassau and Suffolk counties.

"Congratulations to the Oyster Bay Water District for winning the Long Island Water Conference's annual drinking water taste test competition for Nassau County," said Long Island Water Conference Chairman Chuck Savinetti. "Each year, this contest serves as a great way to honor National Drinking Water Week and celebrate the tireless efforts of Long Island's local water suppliers who provide residents with safe and reliable drinking water each and every day."

Aside from sampling water from across Long Island, students, faculty and the general public had the opportunity to learn more about their drinking water and its quality. Members of the LIWC were available to answer questions about Long Island's water source, how it is treated and the importance of water conservation. It also provided an opportunity for the public to learn more about the systems needed to deliver water and the complex system of pumps, treatment facilities, storage tanks and water mains that ensure constant, uninterrupted water flow to the public.

"Being recognized this year for having Nassau County's best-tasting drinking water is a sincere honor," said Robert McEvoy, Commissioner of the Oyster Bay Water District. "Like all water providers on Long Island, we take our responsibilities very seriously, and we consistently strive to produce the best product we can for our customers. It's always reassuring to hear that people feel the same way about our water as we do."

This annual event, celebrated for 33 consecutive years, is a celebration in honor of National Drinking Water Week. This week-long initiative aims to educate community members across Long Island about the quality and value of tap water, as well as to remind them of the importance of water as a precious resource. During Water Week, residents are also challenged and

encouraged to find new ways of conserving water to help ensure Long Island's sole-source aquifer remains sustainable for future generations.

The Long Island Water Conference is an association of more than 50 public water suppliers dedicated to providing a safe and reliable supply of public drinking water for over 3 million people in the Nassau/Suffolk area. Its members maintain over 1,000 supply wells, 10,800 miles of water mains and nearly 79,000 fire hydrants across the Island, guarding against contamination and ensuring quality service for a region more populous than 20 states. For more information please visit liwc.org.

PHOTO: (L-R) OBWD Superintendent John Walsh, Long Island Water Conference Chairman Chuck Savinetti, OBWD Chairman Robert McEvoy, OBWD Commissioner Rich Niznik, OBWD Commissioner Michael Rich.

