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Congresswoman Johnson Secures \$300,000 for New Britain Water Treatment Plant

\$6.8M in Total Grants Improves Water Quality, Saves Taxpayers

NEW BRITAIN, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today announced she has secured a \$300,000 federal grant to fund New Britain's new water treatment plant. The plant began operations in May but additional funds will go to defray costs to taxpayers and reduce water bills.

Johnson secured the funds in the VA-HUD appropriations bill. Johnson has brought home a total of \$6.8 million in funding to help build the new water treatment plant.

"This is another victory for city residents," Johnson said. "I have worked closely with the city of New Britain on the construction of the new treatment facility. The more dollars I get in Washington, the less our water bills will be at home. These funds will ease the burden on taxpayers and users. It will help local leaders like Mayor Stewart keep property taxes down and fund essential services like public safety and education."

"I'm very grateful to Nancy Johnson for coming through again for the City of New Britain," said New Britain Mayor Timothy Stewart. "The plant is finished and up and running but this funding will help lower the debt service and that has a direct impact on the tax rate. This funding will help me keep taxes and water bills low for city residents."

The new, modern plant replaces two obsolete plants that were built in 1940 and 1960. The new plant, costing \$57 million total, can pump and treat 22 million gallons of water each day and serve 85,000 residents in New Britain, Plainville, Farmington, Newington, Berlin and Bristol. It is expected to serve the region's needs for the next 70 years.

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