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Long Island Water Conference Announces Best Tasting Tap Water in Nassau & Suffolk County

Drinking water from the Bethpage Water District in Nassau County and South Huntington Water District in Suffolk County was judged to be the tastiest in this year's annual Best Tasting Tap Water Contest. The win earns the public water suppliers a spot in the next level of competition and each district was awarded a three-foot trophy to proudly display in their respective communities.

The 18th annual contest, sponsored by the Long Island Water Conference and held in commemoration of National Drinking Water Week, highlighted the quality and quantity of tap water throughout Long Island. More than 500 shoppers at Westfield South Shore Mall of Bay Shore and Sunrise Mall of Massapequa tasted samples from 29 public water suppliers to choose the one they liked best.

Both winners will go head-to-head at the Race Palace in Plainview on August 16 to determine a Long Island champ. In addition, both winners will represent their respective counties at the New York State Health Department's regional tasting competition at the Museum of Natural History on August 24. A win there will earn a spot in the New York State competition at the state fair in Syracuse.

"National Drinking Water Week provides us with an excellent opportunity to remind residents to conserve, protect and get involved to ensure that Long Island's drinking water remains clean and plentiful," commented Chairman of the Long Island Water Conference Matthew Snyder. "I encourage all residents to come out and support their local water supplier."

Established in 1951, the Long Island Water Conference is a professional association of more than 52 Nassau-Suffolk public water suppliers dedicated to providing and maintaining a safe and plentiful supply of public drinking water for over 3 million people.

Long Island's drinking water is drawn from underground aquifers, located far below the earth's surface, by more than 1,000 deep wells and delivered by water utilities through a total of 10,800 miles of water mains. Long Island Water Conference members provide

their customers with water storage capacity for daily usage and fire protection and collectively maintain nearly 79,000 fire hydrants. The Conference remains dedicated to ensuring that excellent quality, clean, safe and abundant drinking water supply is maintained for all Long Islanders.