

### :: Chester Water Authority

In 1939, after purchasing South Ward Utility, The Chester Municipal Authority was incorporated by a five-member Board of Directors. Having previously built the Octoraro Reservoir in Lancaster County, The Municipal Authority — as it was then known — employed a water treatment plant and 45-mile-long transmission pipeline to connect the City of Chester and its surrounding areas to this clean and new water supply. In the decades that followed, the Authority increased the treatment capacity of the plant and the storage capacity of the distribution system. In 1965, the name of the Municipal Authority was changed to Chester Water Authority, and improvements continued.

Today, The Chester Water Authority (CWA) provides the City of Chester and 38 other municipalities with clean, pure water 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Its award-winning record has built community confidence that their water meets or exceeds all the criteria established by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

Recent projects include the following: upgrading Village Green West distribution system; upgrading Octoraro Treatment Plant; implementing a system-wide Computer Automation Plan; upgrading and/or constructing pumping stations; constructing and refurbishing water storage tanks. The CWA service area extends from the Susquehanna River to the Delaware River, covering communities in Western Delaware County and Southern Chester County, delivering an average of 34 million gallons of water per day. The CWA Treatment Plant can treat 60 million gallons of water per day for over 41,000 customers (a total population of over 200,000). The Water Authority supplies water to residential, industrial, and commercial customers, and also to other water companies in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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