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The Town of North East Receives Critical Water Infrastructure Grant Funding Through the Advocacy of Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen and Senator Ben Cardin

North East, Maryland – The Town of North East celebrates a significant milestone as it secures federal grant funding totaling \$1,136,668 for two vital water infrastructure projects. This funding includes a \$636,668 direct federal investment secured by Senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin as part of a fiscal year 2024 government funding package enacted in March. These grants mark a pivotal moment in ensuring the provision of safe drinking water to all residents.

The grant of \$636,668 will allow for critical water control and telemetry updates. These essential upgrades represent a leap forward in modernizing our water distribution operations, fostering efficiency, effectiveness, and safety.

This funding comes after the Senators requested and delivered direct federal investment through fiscal year 2023 appropriations to address the removal of accumulated sediment in the Leslie Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Pond. Maintaining this pond is crucial in sustaining quality water operations.

Mayor Michael Kline and the Town Commissioners, alongside dedicated staff and citizens, extend heartfelt gratitude to Senator Chris Van Hollen and Senator Ben Cardin for their unwavering advocacy in securing these funds through the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations.

“The safety of a community’s water supply should never be in question. We fought for this federal funding to support long-overdue infrastructure upgrades that will help ensure that families in the Town of North East can get safe drinking water,” **said Senator Van Hollen, a member of the Appropriations Committee.** “We will continue working in Congress to provide vital resources to modernize our water infrastructure across Maryland.”

“Access to safe, clean drinking water is a fundamental right of every Marylander, but aging infrastructure has put the health and safety of North East’s water supply at risk. In working with Mayor Kline and our other local partners, Team Maryland secured funding for critical infrastructure upgrades that will safeguard the town’s water supply for generations to come,” **said Senator Cardin.** “Together, we’re getting the job done in Cecil County and advancing community-led projects that meet its residents’ needs.

With funding secured, the Town of North East eagerly anticipates the commencement of these transformative projects, reaffirming its commitment to the well-being and prosperity of its community.

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