



MANVILLE

WASTEWATER SYSTEM SALE

MANVILLE BOROUGH, NJ

Sale of the wastewater system to New Jersey American Water leads to system upgrades, reliable service and lower rates in the long-term for residents and businesses.

The Need: Manville’s wastewater system is comprised of mostly terracotta clay pipes, many of which are nearly 80 years old. This caused concerns about inflow and infiltration, and the long-term resilience of the system. In 2023, the Borough decided to sell the aging wastewater system to New Jersey American Water to secure infrastructure investments, stabilize sewer rates and eliminate debt. New Jersey American Water has provided water service to Manville, NJ since 2001 and was proud to again partner with the Borough to provide wastewater service.

In November 2023, voters overwhelmingly supported the referendum to sell the system to New Jersey American Water with over 82% of the vote in favor. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities approved the municipal consent allowing

New Jersey American Water to provide wastewater service to Manville customers and the acquisition took place in November of 2024.

New Jersey American Water purchased the system for \$6.5 million and committed to investing \$10 million in infrastructure improvements over the first ten years of ownership.

The Results: The \$6.5 million purchase price allowed the Borough to pay off all utility and municipal debt, stabilizing local taxes and freeing up funds in the municipal budget. Residents also benefitted from a rate stabilization plan that will result in gradual rate increases over time, and access to New Jersey American Water’s H2O Help to Others bill paying assistance program for qualified customers.

ABOUT THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM

About the Wastewater System:

- 3,700 wastewater customers
- 30 miles of sewer main
- 675 manholes



Selling the sewer system to New Jersey American Water provides a number of benefits to the Borough and our residents including stabilizing municipal property taxes and freeing up Borough resources to be dedicated to other responsibilities. New Jersey American Water continues to put Manville customers first and I trust them to maintain our sewer system with the same level of responsibility and dedication which they do our water system.

Richard Onderko, Mayor, Manville Borough



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The Investment: New Jersey American Water has planned several wastewater projects to address deficiencies and increase resilience in Manville. Some key improvements include strengthening the system to mitigate future flooding and replacing sewer mains and manholes to address the inflow and infiltration challenge. Since New Jersey American Water began wastewater operations in November of 2024, over \$400,000 has been invested in upgrading the wastewater system.

Since 2013, New Jersey American Water has invested more than \$27.3 million into the water distribution system in the Borough, \$6.7 million of which was invested from 2023 to March 2025. Improvements include replacing aging water mains, company-side service lines, and public fire hydrants. That amounts to over \$2.2 million a year and approximately \$7,300 per customer over the course of the last 12 years.

Environmental Stewardship: In 2025, the Somerset County Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey was awarded \$12,500 for its reforestation project along Royce Brook in Manville, a flood-prone area. The project will help mitigate stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and reduce local flooding while enhancing community awareness through signage and educational outreach.

In 2022, Somerset County's Office of Emergency Management was awarded \$10,000 from New Jersey American Water's Environmental Grant Program for county-wide reforestation efforts using native trees and shrubs to help mitigate flooding from stormwater runoff impacts in the county's most vulnerable areas. This funded the purchase of over 160 native trees, 120 shrubs, and pollinator seeds in Manville Borough for a reforestation project upstream of the Raritan intakes along Royce Brook in Manville. This reforestation project idea came about from the severe flooding and devastation that resulted in countless trees uprooted and destroyed from Tropical Storm Ida's wrath in September 2021.

Manville Borough sits right between three waterways and is at risk of flooding incidents that could result in environmental and public health implications. These efforts allow stormwater runoff to be taken up by root systems to create natural "storage areas" while providing clean water, habitat and food for local wildlife. New Jersey American Water employees throughout the years have continued to volunteer in Manville for their tree planting projects and environmental clean ups to promote sustainability and natural habitat restoration.

ABOUT NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 2.9 million people.

COMMUNITIES SERVED

Over 190 communities in 18 counties. We also provide water service to 31 additional communities through bulk purchase water agreements.

CUSTOMERS SERVED

Approx. 727,800 water customers (93% residential, 7% commercial and industrial); 74,700 wastewater service customers.

EMPLOYEES

More than 850. Our team of professionals provides safe, reliable and affordable service to our customers to help keep their lives flowing.

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