

FISHERS ISLAND WATER WORKS CORPORATION

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To the Fishers Island Community

Thank you for your continuing cooperation with the emergency irrigation restrictions we imposed in July. Conservation will be all the more important as we proceed this week with taking one well (known as "Sima 1") off-line to begin rehabilitating it. While Sima 1 is off-line, we will depend more heavily on Barlow Pond to supplement the output from our second well ("Sima 2").

This will mean less dilution of Barlow Pond water with well water, so the tannin level and resulting discoloring of the potable water will increase. This will not affect the safety of the water we provide, which continues to meet all regulatory quality standards. We will continue to monitor the situation, testing water quality multiple times each day.

Rehabilitating Sima 1 will take one week. Water samples will be taken and tested for up to two weeks before the Suffolk County Department of Health approves bringing the well back into production. Once Sima 1 is back on-line, we will rehabilitate Sima 2, another three-week process.

If all goes to plan, both Sima 1 and Sima 2 will be back in production by the end of September. Reliance on Barlow Pond during the six weeks of rehabilitation work will end.

In another new development, the US Geological Survey has agreed to include Fishers Island in a study of the watershed of Suffolk County.

We also plan to initiate a detailed engineering study of our aquifers and water infrastructure, leading to a comprehensive plan on how to best modernize the water system on the island. Parts of it date from the 1920s.

The goals of our study are threefold: (1) Assuring that the aquifers on which we all depend are used sustainably. To that end, our study will involve collecting and reporting information on all island wells: their location, size and production rates. (2) Planning the modernization of the island's water system to achieve greater efficiency and lower operating costs. (3) Justifying a rate structure that supports the capital investment now required, reflects the seasonal demand curve and is adequate to support regular reinvestment in the future.

If you are using private well water, we would like to remind you that you are required by law to isolate it from the public water system or install a backflow preventer that stops well water from being pulled into and, potentially, contaminating the public water system. Failure to comply can lead to fines and disconnection from the public water system.

With luck, we will get more rain, the source of all the water in our aquifers and Barlow Pond.

Sincerely,



Chris Finan
President
Fishers Island Utility Company