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HYANNIS WATER ANNOUNCES A \$4 MILLION UPGRADE TO ITS WATER SYSTEM

Barnstable, MA, October 20, 2011, The Hyannis Water System announces the construction of two new water storage tanks and pump stations at the Maher and Straightway Water Treatment Plants. The \$4.1 million upgrade to the water system was recommended in the 2007 Hyannis Water System's Master Plan. In addition to meeting new federal regulations for the ground water rule, the project will meet the needs for water storage now and into the future. The new tanks will better meet our fire protection requirements.

After much study the Hyannis Water Board recommended the construction of two ground level tanks – one near the Maher treatment plant and one near the Straightway treatment plant. The Hyannis Water Board was created to provide citizen input and oversight for the Water Supply Division of the Department of Public Works. Deb Krau, Chair of the Hyannis Water Board said “ The Hyannis Water Board is pleased with the progress we have made in meeting the capital needs of our 100 year old water system. The storage tanks are our next step. In addition to storage and fire protection, the tanks will provide needed redundancy and the ability to improve water quality”.

Mr. Mark Ells, Director of Public Works, Town of Barnstable said “the construction of the water storage tanks is one of the priority projects identified in the Hyannis Water System Master Plan and has been one of our Department's main objectives for capital improvement projects to the water system.” Mr. Ells further commented that the commencement of the project allows the Division to provide improved fire flows and an equalization of pressure in the distribution system for our customers. The funding is a combination of mitigation funds and SRF loans resulting in minimal financial impacts to our customers.”

The water storage tank at the Maher Treatment Plant has a design capacity of 800,000 gallons while the water storage tank at the Straightway Treatment Plant has a design capacity of 400,000 gallons. Construction of the water tanks will take place simultaneously and begin immediately. The water tanks and pump stations are expected to be operational by the fall of 2012.

Contractors for the upgrade include Tighe & Bond, providing engineering services; installation of the pump stations by the Robert B. Our Construction Company; and the Natgun Company will construct the water tanks.



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Financing for the water storage upgrade is provided mainly from the MTBE settlement funds and a gift from the Lyndon P. Lorusso Foundation. The remainder will be borrowed from the Massachusetts Department of Environment Protection' *State Revolving Fund* (SRF).

About Hyannis Water

The Hyannis Water System consists of four water treatment facilities, two storage tanks, 12 well pumping stations, and 107 miles of distribution system. The water system provides drinking water services to about 18,000 residents through 7,249 metered service connections to residential and commercial properties. Supplying its drinking water from ground sources, the Hyannis Water System draws about 2.77 million gallons per day (MGD) from wells with an annual production of 902 million gallons.

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