



**For Immediate Release:**

## **Middlesex Water Company to Invest \$3.3 Million Upgrading Water Distribution Infrastructure in Edison Township**

*Iselin, NJ* (April 5, 2012) – Middlesex Water Company will be cleaning and lining water mains and replacing mains, valves and fire hydrants in the Clara Barton section of Edison Township, New Jersey as part of its annual RENEW Program. The RENEW Program is a rehabilitative effort to clean and cement-line previously unlined water mains and to replace water infrastructure, where necessary, in targeted areas. The program helps to improve water quality and pressures while strengthening the water distribution system.

The Company plans to upgrade approximately 37,000 linear feet of 6, 8 and 10-inch water main and replace about 4,200 feet of water main as part of this effort. The area selected for this year's rehabilitation program includes water mains under streets in the Clara Barton section, generally bound by the New Jersey Turnpike, Route 287 and Grandview Avenue in Edison. Work is beginning on streets between Amboy Avenue and Grandview Avenue. The overall project is expected to end in late October. Individual streets in the project area are expected to be affected for a period of 2-3 months.

“For more than a decade, we have been working methodically to upgrade the remaining miles of unlined water main in our 730-mile Middlesex system,” said Richard M. Risoldi, Middlesex Water Chief Operating Officer. “Maintaining water infrastructure is very capital intensive. Rehabilitation, rather than more costly replacement of water mains, helps to restore the original useful life of older pipe while maintaining our operating costs. We are fortunate to be able to access state revolving funds offered through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for help in funding this project at a low cost,” added Risoldi.

In the RENEW Program, crews remove harmless mineral deposits that have accumulated on older sections of cast iron pipe and then install a new cement lining. To ensure uninterrupted water service during the project, Middlesex Water erects and installs a temporary above-ground

service including hydrants and water service connections while the water mains are being cleaned and lined. Aboveground piping will be visible along the curbs on both sides of the street. The program may require that water personnel enter customers' homes. Customers are strongly reminded to ask for credentials from utility personnel prior to allowing them entry and, for added security, should contact Middlesex Water Company at (732) 634-1500 to verify the authenticity of the utility representative at their door. Customers directly affected by the RENEW Program will receive notice from the Company's contractor.

The RENEW Program should not interfere with the delivery of water. Customers can expect to receive continuous water service, except for the few minutes when service is being transferred to and from temporary lines, or when maintenance on the temporary line is required.

Anyone with questions about the RENEW Program or those experiencing extended interruption of service as a result of work being done should call Middlesex Water Company at 732-634-1500 and ask to speak with a RENEW program representative. RENEW Updates and more information can be found on our website at [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com) under the section About Us/Investing in our Infrastructure.

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