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## **Middlesex Water Company to Invest \$3.4 Rehabilitating Water Mains in Woodbridge**

*Iselin, NJ* (April 24, 2006) – Middlesex Water Company plans to invest \$3.4 million in 2006 to enhance water quality and improve water flows in Woodbridge Township when it begins its RENEW Program, a rehabilitative effort to clean and line previously unlined water mains, beginning in May.

The Company plans to upgrade 27,000 linear feet of water main predominantly in Woodbridge. Areas targeted for this year's program include water mains under streets north of the New Jersey Turnpike between Amboy Avenue and Woodbridge Avenue. This includes streets within the area east of Amboy Avenue, north to High Street and west of Woodbridge Avenue/Amtrak railway. Water mains along the Township's business district along Main Street have also been designated for rehabilitation. The work will affect individual streets in the project area for a period of 2-3 months. .

The RENEW Program involves cleaning the accumulated scale from older sections of cast iron pipe and installing a new cement lining. The project essentially helps to extend the life of older pipe and helps to improve overall water quality and service while strengthening the water distribution infrastructure. The program is in its tenth year and, presently, less than 18% of mains throughout the Company's 730-mile distribution system remain unlined. The RENEW Program is being financed by state revolving funds offered through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust.

To provide continual water service, Middlesex Water will erect a temporary water system including hydrants and water service connections aboveground and maintain this system while the mains are being cleaned and lined. Aboveground piping will be visible along the curbs on both sides of the street.

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“Middlesex Water is committed to reinvesting in its water infrastructure through the RENEW Program so that we can maintain the highest quality drinking water for our customers,” said Ronald F. Williams, Chief Operating Officer.

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.

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