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Funding Flows into North Amityville Clean Water Project

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Senator Martinez announces grant for drinking water improvements, including in the Fourth Senatorial District.

New York State will fund the construction of a new Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) system to remove 1,4-dioxane from groundwater at the Suffolk County Water Authority's Albany Avenue well field located in North Amityville. The project is one of three being supported in Suffolk County through a \$4.5 million grant from the Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) program intended to improve the state's drinking water quality.

"Funding being provided through this grant will allow the Suffolk County Water Authority to wash clean of the emerging contaminants being found in our drinking water," said State Senator Monica R. Martinez. "Investments in clean water infrastructure are critical to removing the toxins that threaten Long Island's water resources and ensure the continued safety of our region's drinking water supply."

Also selected for funding is the adjacent Village of Farmingdale, which will receive a \$3 million grant for the installation of an AOP treatment system for the removal of 1,4-dioxane and a Granular Activated Carbon treatment system for the removal of PFOA and PFOS.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has classified Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS), which include PFOA and PFOS, as human carcinogens, and 1,4-dioxane as a likely human carcinogen.

WIIA program grants are administered by the state's Environmental Facilities Corporation and assist municipalities in funding critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. In January, Senator Martinez and the state announced an additional \$325 million in competitive grants for clean water infrastructure projects were being made available through the latest round of funding. The deadline for municipalities to apply is 5 p.m. on June 14, 2024, through the EFC's website [EFC.NY.GOV](https://www.efc.ny.gov).