

Water System Improvements

Resiliency

Fire flow

Quality and capacity

Operations in an emergency

VOTE “YES”

January 27, 2024

Milton Fire Department

8am

to

6pm

At the said special referendum, every non-resident property owner owning property within the Town of Milton, including those who have placed their property in a revocable trust, shall have one vote. Further, every partnership or corporation owning property within the Town of Milton shall have one vote.

Notwithstanding how many properties are owned by a single non-resident property owner, partnership or corporation, only one vote will be allowed for each such non-resident property owner, partnership or corporation. In addition, every person who shall have attained the age of eighteen (18) years on the date of the special referendum and who shall be a citizen of the United States and a bona fide primary legal resident of the Town shall have one vote. Under no circumstances shall a single eligible person or entity be allowed to enter more than one vote, even if such person or entity shall qualify to vote under more than one of the applicable criteria.

The said votes may be cast either in person or by absentee ballot.

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2024 Water System Improvements Referendum



VOTE

Saturday, January 27

8:00am until 6:00pm

at

Milton Fire Department

116 Front Street

Milton, DE 19968

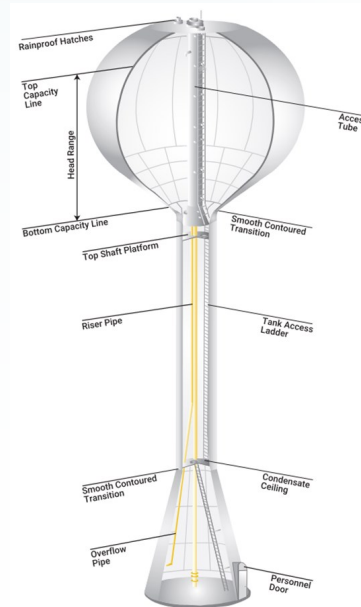


History and Facts:

Since 2007, Town officials and its Town Engineering firms have completed three water system facilities reports which have detailed the necessity of several water infrastructure projects. The *2024 Water System Improvements Referendum* is comprised of three projects: Federal Street Water Tower, Water main replacements, and Chandler Street Treatment Facility upgrades. The Federal Street water tower is a critical addition to the Town's water distribution system for capacity and fire demand as modeled in 2012. Water main improvements are a consistent need as the majority of the water mains in the downtown and connecting streets are aged concrete or cast-iron pipe; we must continue our efforts to safeguard the system from future failures and outages. Lastly, the Chandler Street Treatment Facility was originally built in the early 1900s; it's undergone improvements since then, but due to current EPA and Delaware regulations, additional improvements to the control and operational command of the facility are a necessity.

Together, the three projects increase town-wide resilience, drinking water quality, fire flow demand, capacity and the ability to operate during and after a large storm event including an emergency main break. The referendum borrowing is comprised of three project loans: \$579,000 to fund the improvements at the Chandler Street Water Treatment Facility; \$1,785,000 to fund the water main replacements on Carey Street, Walnut Street, Magnolia Street, Mill Street and Bay Avenue; and \$3,850,000 to construct a water tower on Federal Street.

Visit <https://milton.delaware.gov/2023/12/06/2024-water-system/> to view the **Public Hearing presentation and additional information on the proposed projects.**



Affordability:

The source of funding for the three projects is the State of Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The term of the loans is 2% interest for a 20-year term. Respectively, the debt service fee is proposed as follows: Chandler Street Water Treatment Facility (\$5 per unit, per quarter); Water main replacements on Carey Street, Walnut Street, Magnolia Street, Mill Street and Bay Avenue (\$13 per unit, per quarter); and Water tower on Federal Street (\$30 per unit, per quarter). Annually, during budget preparation, the town will evaluate this debt service fee and consider a reduction based on the number of added utility units that year. As the town grows, it creates an advantageous cost share across added properties throughout Town limits.

