New Jersey American Water President Addresses New ASCE Report Card, Urges More Investment in Critical Water Infrastructure

CAMDEN, N.J. – MARCH 31, 2025 – Mark McDonough, President of New Jersey American Water, issued the following statement in response to the grades of C- for water and D+ for wastewater in the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure.

"The ASCE 2025 Report Card reveals no change or improvement over the last four years – America's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure is stagnant. The Report Card highlights the urgent need for significant investment in water and wastewater infrastructure, not just across the nation, but also here in New Jersey," said McDonough. "Our state continues to face challenges when it comes to investing in critical infrastructure, particularly in these sectors."

With over a trillion dollars in infrastructure investments needed in water and wastewater across the country over the next two decades - specifically $24 billion in New Jersey - American Water continues to work with local, state and federal leaders to provide expertise and investment in communities across New Jersey that need to strengthen their water systems.

"Water infrastructure investments prove their value every day," added McDonough. "From projects to replace water mains, lead service lines, and hydrants, to the installation of advanced leak detection technology and enhanced treatment capabilities that improve efficiency and reliability. The investments we've made into our system allow us to continue to meet customer needs and water quality standards in the communities we serve."

In 2024 alone, New Jersey American Water invested more than $520 million on system upgrades and various improvement projects across its service areas statewide, while still keeping costs around a penny per gallon for its customers. Approximately $150 million was spent on replacing and rehabilitating aging pipes and installing new main pipes to additional areas, and $86.3 million went into improvements for its water and wastewater treatment facilities across New Jersey. This included upgrades to facilities such as the Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant, Canal Road Water Treatment Plant, Long Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Over the next ten years, American Water plans to invest $40-$42 billion in its systems across the country to help ensure safe, clean, reliable, and affordable water and wastewater service. To learn more about investments and projects that are underway

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