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Important Notice for Residents of the Walton Lake Estates Water District

As you may be aware, the water supply system in Walton Lake Estates has experienced many issues over the years. In particular, the Water District has dealt with problems related to infrastructure, water quality, and lack of adequate water supply.

In the past, the Town of Chester has taken various measures to remediate these problems. The remediation measures included the installation of new main line water valves, the construction of a new water storage tank, the placement of new filters in the water treatment plant, and the installation of new piping and pumps at the treatment plant.

Currently, the Walton Lake Estates water supply system is experiencing low yield issues, along with high manganese and chloride levels at the main source of supply. The manganese and chloride levels are just below secondary standard recommended limits. As a result, the Town of Chester has consulted with various professionals with respect to remediation. These professionals include a hydrogeologist, the Town engineer, and a local well driller.

The Town has taken the following steps to address the above issues:

1. In an effort to attempt to clear fractures in the rock to increase water flow, the well for the water district has been fracked using a well-drilling rig and high-pressure water. A new pump was also installed. These measures did result in an increase in water production, but unfortunately that increase did not last.
2. The Town is diligently working to find a new source of water for the Walton Lake Estates Water District. An exploratory well was drilled on the Town-owned property in an area with existing high-yield wells. Upon completion of drilling, this exploratory well only produced ten gallons of water per minute, which was far less than anticipated.
3. The Town has reached out to the Village of Chester with respect to purchasing water from their supply. However, the Village has advised that at the current time, they are not allowing water connections outside of their water supply corporation.
4. The Town has plans to drill a second exploratory well in another location, specifically chosen by the consulted hydrogeologist. Drilling will commence at such time as the Town has received approval from the Orange County Department of Health.

If a new water source system is required to be developed for the Walton Lake Estates Water District, the Town engineer has advised that the cost incurred would be approximately \$300,000.00.

This notice is being provided to residents of the Walton Lake Estates Water District in an effort to keep you apprised of the current situation, to provide clarity relating to the steps that the Town has taken in an effort to resolve the on-going issues, and to provide information as to what may be expected with respect to a new water source for future needs.