#### Zoom link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87218566586</u> Meeting ID: 872 1856 6586 Dial in: 1-646-876-9923 (US)

#### <u>AGENDA</u>

Roll Call/Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to Agenda/Approve Agenda

**Community Announcements** 

Public Comments on items not on the published agenda

Consent Agenda

- 1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held December 5, 2023.
- 2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, December 18, 2023.

**Business Agenda** 

- 1. Review and consider participating in 3M Class Action Settlement.
- 2. Review and consider participating in Dupont Class Action Settlement.
- 3. Discuss Vialytics Proposal.
- 4. Review and consider Village Manager Compensation.

Public Comments

Manager's report

Council comments

Adjournment

This will be a hybrid meeting held in person in the Village Council Chambers with a remote participation option available via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Village of Beverly Hills will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities attending the meeting upon three working days' notice to the Village. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Village by writing or phone, 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Beverly Hills, MI 48025 (248) 646-6404.

- Present: President George; President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko; Members: Abboud, Kecskemeti, Mooney, and O'Gorman
- Absent: Drummond
- Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell Village Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski Village Attorney, Ryan Public Safety Director, Torongeau

#### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

#### AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

- 1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held November 21, 2023.
- 2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, December 4, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (6-0)

#### BUSINESS AGENDA REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS 2024 COMMUNITY EXCHANGE

Campbell gave an overview. The Michigan Association of Mayors (MAM) and the Michigan Municipal League (MML) assist member communities that wish to take part in the annual Community Exchange program. The Community Exchange Program allows a group of elected officials and/or employees to get together to host another community and then visit them in return. Municipalities can benefit from the sharing and gathering of ideas, solutions, initiatives, and processes. Upon completing the program participation form, the MML will match the Village of Beverly Hills with another community based on our indicated preferences. Preferences may include population, distance, region, form of government, services offered, etc. Participation in the program is free for member communities. Forms are due February 1, 2024. Possible activities include:

- A driving tour of the community.
- Visits to specific facilities. They might include city hall, new or innovative city services (a community center, senior center, public housing, waste treatment plant, industrial park, etc.), local industries, historical or scenic sites, a problem discovered, or a problem solved.
- A long lunch, a visit to an official's home, dinner in a restaurant, or banquets have all been used to provide time for informal discussions.

Abboud said he thinks this is a great program and would like to attend.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Abboud, the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes Administration to submit the necessary form to participate in the Michigan Association of Mayors 2024 Community Exchange.

Motion passed.

#### SET DATE FOR 2024 STRATEGY SESSION

Campbell provided an overview. Each year the Council and Administration have a Special Strategy Session in January to prioritize goals for the new year. A copy of January's meeting schedule was provided for reference.

The Council agreed to hold the special strategy session on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

Mooney stated that the meeting would be finished by noon.

# CONSIDER ESTABLISHING AND APPOINTING A BEVERLY PARK 2050 SUBCOMMITTEE

George provided an overview. Beverly Park serves as the hub of activity in Beverly Hills. More than 91% of respondents to the 2023 *Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan Survey* indicate that they visit Beverly Park on a monthly basis. The pavilion at Beverly Park has been booked for an average of 160+ events over the past two years. The Beverly Park baseball fields are booked six days a week for the spring and fall months, and multiple, large-scale community events – such as concerts, Java and Jazz, Winter Family Fun Day, and the Halloween Hoot – are held here each year.

The *Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan* is updated every five years to accomplish the following:

- inventory and evaluate the parks and recreation assets of the community
- solicit resident feedback about what enhancements they would like to see added to the community's parks and recreation assets
- plan for actions on those issues for the coming five years

The *Community Recreation Plan* considers all VBH park assets, and many of the recommendations are long-term initiatives with no guidance on how to achieve the stated objectives. For Beverly Park, these Recommendations include "Restore Woodland" and "Collaborate with other

organizations to plan, fund, and implement potential baseball field enhancements," however no elaboration is provided.

The purpose of the Beverly Park 2050 Visioning Project is intended to be specific to Beverly Park and hopes to aid the following, subject to the discretion of the working committee and to approval by Council:

- Catalog the desired improvements to Beverly Park
- Aid in prioritizing the list of desired improvements
- Breaking complex projects into manageable pieces to aid in grant applications and completion of larger projects in phases where appropriate

The Beverly Park 2050 Visioning Project is intended to encourage us to think about what we want Beverly Park to be in 2050 and plan for the steps necessary to achieve that vision. It will allow the community to be thoughtful about how to spend the Parks Millage funds, how to seek grant dollars to maximize the millage assets and will serve as a guide to support the continuation of the Parks Millage when it expires in 2030.

The goal for this project is to provide direction to Parks and Recreations Boards, Village Councils and Administration, while not being iron-clad or lacking the ability of future current availability of projects to alter the ordering of priorities.

George went over the proposed format of the project and a suggested timeline. Three members of Village Council and three members of the Village of Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board will compose the Beverly Park 2050 Visioning Project Committee. The Committee will work together to lead community input and visioning sessions to help understand resident desires and Council and Parks & Recreation Board planning objectives regarding development, improvements, and maintenance of Beverly Park. Suggested categories of planning might include, subject to Committee discretion:

- Sports and Recreation Amenities / Facilities
- Woodland Management
- Aesthetics
- Other to be determined by Committee

He hopes that the final report will be completed by September 2024. It is assumed that costs might be incurred throughout the process for items such as presentation materials or a mailed survey. Expenses over the Manager's spending authority, such as professional consulting or planning engagements, should be brought to Council for approval.

O'Gorman clarified that the subcommittee would create a list of improvements for the next few decades.

Mooney said that more stakeholders should be involved. He thinks it should be a citizen led committee and focus on 2030 instead of 2050. He suggested hiring a professional park planner.

Abboud agreed that residents should be involved. He suggested that the subcommittee be comprised of residents, 1 Council liaison, 1 Parks & Recreation liaison, and 1 member of Administration.

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Hrydziuszko agreed that community involvement is important. She said the Parks & Recreation Board has spent a lot of time researching many possibilities and does not want to waste people's time or duplicate work that has already been done. She said the subcommittee should be made up of people who have already been working on it.

Mooney said the subcommittee should not be limited to Beverly Park but should include the entire parks system.

Kecskemeti said that she would also like to see more concrete plans for other parks. She agreed with bringing in professional services. She asked whether the Parks & Recreation Board has the capacity to take this on right now.

Mooney stated that this is above and beyond what the Parks & Recreation Board is called to do.

George said he does not want to undermine the Parks & Recreation Board's capabilities. He said he would be on board with hiring a professional planner.

Hrydziuszko agreed that investing in a planner would be a good idea and would provide another perspective.

Kecskemeti said she would be happy to participate in the subcommittee. She said the expectations of the Parks & Recreation Board have evolved over time and the Village does not have a professional on staff who is solely focused on parks.

The Council agreed that getting resident input was an important aspect of this endeavor.

O'Gorman commended the Parks & Recreation Board on all the work that they do.

George acknowledged that this would be extra work for everyone but thinks it is a worthy cause. He said he would like to participate on the subcommittee.

Hrydziuszko said she is happy to do the work.

Mooney said he is happy to participate as well, but thinks someone with younger children should serve on the subcommittee.

Motion by O'Gorman, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorize the formation of an ad-hoc committee for the purposes of producing a long-term plan for the betterment of Beverly Park. The Committee will consist of Council members George, Hrydziuszko, and Kecskemeti, and three members of the Parks and Recreation Board they choose. The committee will seek community input, work together to develop a plan for the long-term benefit and improvement of Beverly Park, and deliver a final report for council review and approval by September 17, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Abboud – yes George – yes Hrydziuszko – yes THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL. Kecskemeti – yes Mooney – no O'Gorman – yes Motion passed (5-1)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Tobaben, Orchard Way Court, regarding Beverly Park, he said he is interested in as much resident input as possible. He thanked the Council for moving the Beverly Park item forward. He said having plans are good, but there needs to be set priorities.

Rogier Durand, Stafford, said his property abuts 13 Mile Road and he has seen little foot traffic in the area. He thinks the sidewalk connector program is an expensive project.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Lions Club Annual Candy Cane Collection - The Beverly Hills Lions Club is hosting its annual Candy Cane Collection in Beverly Hills from November 22 to December 24. They will be soliciting donations at Market Fresh and at the Corners Shopping Plaza. Funds raised will go to charities that support the vision and hearing impaired.

Last Day for Yard Waste Collection - The last day for yard waste collection is December 11<sup>th</sup> for all residents east of Evergreen and December 12<sup>th</sup> for all residents west of Evergreen. Yard waste collection will resume in April.

Baldwin Public Library Winter Reading Challenge - Baldwin Public Library is holding a Winter Reading Challenge from December 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024. Raders of all ages can track their progress for the change to earn badges and win prizes. More information can be found at baldwinlib.org or call 248-647-1700.

The Village Newsletter - The December 2023 edition of the Village Newsletter will be sent out to homes during the first full week of December. The newsletter is also available on the Village website:

https://www.villagebeverlyhills.com/document\_center/Newsletter/2023%20Q4%20Villager%20 Newsletter.pdf

Village Calendars - The annual Village calendar will be mailed to each residence by the end of December. Administration will make an announcement when extra copies are available for pick up at the Village Office.

Campbell wished his daughter a Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday and thanked the Council for their support over the last year.

O'Gorman inquired about the timing of the play structure and speed hump installations, which Campbell said would be in spring.

Mooney asked about infrastructure updates including sidewalks and sidewalk clearing, basement flooding, road work repairs, Riverside Pond, and the dam. He also inquired about the quarterly Code Enforcement reports. Additionally, he asked about expenses for the Wendbrook property and about Phase 1 Environmental and water testing. He asked about the status of installing digital

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signs and whether there was an update about Birmingham's election results regarding a millage for Next.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Kecskemeti said she welcomes engagement from residents. She commented on the sidewalk surveys that were completed and said that sidewalks are a community-wide benefit.

Abboud provided updates on SEMCOG's executive committee meeting. He said MML's EOA is making updates to the Level 4 application materials. He said Next will be having the Big Night Out Fundraiser again in 2024.

Hrydziuszko commented on Comeau's contract and charges and said it is something Administration should review in order to keep costs reasonable. She thanked Administration for their work and said she appreciates how many different things they juggle.

George said that all are trying to work toward the betterment of the park but have different approaches. He said there is a massive load on the Administrative staff and there is a lot of work to do. He said he gets frustrated with putting a false sense of urgency on some things. He suggested that Council email questions to the manager in advance so he can prepare the answers in advance. He asked Kecskemeti for clarification on the State Revolving Fund Load. He stated that Rutkowski and Hrydziuszko will be attending the public MNRTF Board meeting on December 13. He said water should be tested at the point where it enters Beverly Hills. He asked that the sign committee bring a recommendation back to Council soon.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George Council President Kristin Rutkowski Village Clerk



TO PRESIDENT GEORGE & MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF

EXPENDITURES FOR APPROVAL. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RUN FROM 12/05/2023 THROUGH 12/18/2023.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

101	GENERAL FUND		\$125,685.68
202	MAJOR ROAD FUND		\$7,912.71
203	LOCAL STREET FUND		\$20,425.99
205	PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FUND		\$182,318.78
287	ARPA FUND		\$30,749.91
401	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		\$40,618.00
592	WATER/SEWER OPERATION FUND		\$531,205.67
701	TRUST & AGENCY FUND		\$170.00
		TOTAL	\$939,086.74
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	MANUAL CHECKS- INDEPENDENT		\$0.00
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To: Village Council President and Council Members

From: Village Manager

Date: December 15, 2023

Re: Class Action Settlement with 3M

Attached to this memorandum is a notice for a class action settlement with the company 3M. Class Representatives have alleged that they have suffered harm resulting from the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water and/or the need to monitor for the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water, and that 3M is liable for damages and other forms of relief to compensate for such harm and costs. Class members include water distributors, such as Beverly Hills. The Village will be bound by this settlement agreement unless the Village opts out. According to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), of which the Village of Beverly Hills is a member, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has never found PFAS compound in their source water supplies. GLWA will be participating in this settlement, but it does not anticipate receiving any money because no PFAS has been found in the GLWA drinking water system. Bob Davis, attorney for SOCWA, is recommending that all SOCWA communities participate in the 3M settlement agreement, even though the Village may only be eligible to receive a minor amount of funds.

#### SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes the Village of Beverly Hills, a public water distributor, to enter into the Class Action Settlement with 3M.

3M Class Action Settlement Settlement Administrator 1650 ARCH ST STE 2210 PHILADELPHIA PA 19103-2041



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MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, FAMILY TREE BEVERLY HILLS 18500 W 13 MILE RD VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS WATER DEPARTMENT BEVERLY HILLS MI 48025-5262

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## **NOTICE OF 3M CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

## IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAMS PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION

United States District Court, District of South Carolina – Charleston Division MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG Case No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>, the enclosed correspondence relates to the Settlement with 3M Company.

## YOU MAY RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS WITH OR JUDGMENTS INVOLVING OTHER DEFENDANT(S).

Please be aware that documents associated with one Settling Defendant may appear similar to documents associated with another Settling Defendant. However, <u>each Settlement has its own specific terms and conditions</u>, and each set of documents should be carefully reviewed with this in mind. Please visit www.PFASWaterSettlement.com for more information and to review settlement-related documents.

## SETTLEMENT WEBSITE FOR FILING YOUR CLAIM FOR SETTLEMENT PAYMENT

### WWW.PFASWATERSETTLEMENT.COM

## NOTICE ID: HQC-284194



## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHARLESTON DIVISION

## IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAMS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG

This Document relates to:

City of Camden, et al., v. 3M Company, No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND COURT APPROVAL HEARING

TO: All Active Public Water Systems in the United States of America that have one or more Impacted Water Sources as of June 22, 2023; and all Active Public Water Systems in the United States that do not have one or more Impacted Water Sources as of June 22, 2023, and (i) are required to test for certain PFAS under UCMR-5, or (ii) serve more than 3,300 people.

A FEDERAL COURT APPROVED THIS NOTICE. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY, AS THE PRO-POSED SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED BELOW MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND PROVIDE YOU WITH POTEN-TIAL BENEFITS. THIS IS *NOT* A NOTICE OF A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU OR A SOLICITATION FROM A LAWYER.

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Settlement Agreement, available for review at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com.

#### I. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this Notice is (i) to advise you of a proposed settlement (referred to as the "Settlement") that has been reached with the defendant, 3M Company ("3M" or "Defendant"), in the above-captioned lawsuit (the "Action") pending in the multi-district litigation in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina (the "Court"); (ii) to summarize your rights in connection with the Settlement; and (iii) to inform you of a Court hearing to consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement, to be held on **February 2,2024 at 10:00 a.m. EST in Charleston Courtroom #1, J. Waties Waring Judicial Center**, before the Honorable Richard M. Gergel, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, located at 83 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401.

# If you received this Notice about the proposed Settlement in the mail, then you have been identified as a potential Settlement Class Member according to the Parties' records. Please read this Notice carefully.

#### **II. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?**

Class Representatives are Public Water Systems that have filed actions against 3M and other defendants, which actions are currently pending in the above-referenced multi-district litigation ("MDL").

Class Representatives have alleged that they have suffered harm resulting from the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water and/or the need to monitor for the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water, and that 3M is liable for damages and other forms of relief to compensate for such harm and costs.

In addition to the MDL, certain other cases asserting Released Claims are pending against 3M (collectively with the MDL, the "Litigation").

There are numerous defendants in addition to 3M in the MDL and the cases that comprise the Litigation. Those other defendants are not part of this Settlement Agreement. The Class Representatives and Settlement Class Members will remain able to seek separate and additional PFAS-related recoveries from those other defendants in addition to the Settlement Amount here.

3M denies the allegations in the Litigation and all other allegations relating to the Released Claims; denies that it has any liability to Class Representatives, the Settlement Class, or any Settlement Class Member for any Claim of any kind; and would assert a number of legal and factual defenses against such Claims if they were litigated to conclusion (including against certification of any purported class for litigation purposes).

This Notice should not be understood as an expression of any opinion by the Court as to the merits of the Class Representatives' Claims or the Defendant's defenses.

#### III. WHO IS PART OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

The Class Representatives and 3M have entered into the Settlement Agreement to resolve Claims relating to PFAS contamination of Drinking Water in Public Water Systems. The Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement Agreement as fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will hold a Final Fairness Hearing, as described below, to consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement.

The Settlement Class is defined as follows:

All Active Public Water Systems in the United States of America that have one or more Impacted Water Sources as of June 22, 2023.

AND

All Active Public Water Systems in the United States that do not have one or more Impacted Water Sources as of June 22, 2023, and (i) are required to test for certain PFAS under UMCR-5, or (ii) serve more than 3,300 people, according to SDWIS.

Exhibits E and F to the Settlement Agreement, available for review at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com, list all Eligible Claimants known to Interim Class Counsel and 3M's Counsel. Not all Public Water Systems are potential Settlement Class Members; specifically excluded from the Settlement Class are:

- i. Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems serving 3,300 or fewer people;
- ii. Transient Non-Community Water Systems of any size;
- iii. The Public Water Systems listed in Exhibit G to the Settlement Agreement, which are associated with a specific PFAS-manufacturing facility owned by 3M;
- iv. Any Public Water System that is owned by a State government, is listed in SDWIS as having as its sole "Owner Type" a "State government" (as set forth in Exhibit H to the Settlement Agreement), and lacks independent authority to sue and be sued;
- v. Any Public Water System that is owned by the federal government, is listed in SDWIS as having as its sole "Owner Type" the "Federal government" (as set forth in Exhibit I to the Settlement Agreement), and lacks independent authority to sue and be sued;
- vi. The Public Water Systems that are listed in Exhibit J to the Settlement Agreement and have previously settled their PFAS-related Claims against 3M; and
- vii. Any privately owned well that provides water only to its owner's (or its owner's tenant's) individual household and any other system for the provision of water for human consumption that is not a Public Water System.

An Eligible Claimant must submit a timely notice if it believes it has been erroneously listed in any of the above-referenced Exhibits.

Per the Settlement Agreement, "Public Water System" means a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least fifteen (15) service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily at least sixty (60) days out of the year, consistent with the use of that term in the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4)(A), and 40 C.F.R. Part 141. The term "Public Water System" includes (i) any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such system, and (ii) any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system. Solely for purposes of the Settlement Agreement, the term "Public Water System" refers to a Community Water System of any size or a Non-Transient Non-Community Water System that serves more than 3,300 people, according to SDWIS; or any Person (but not any financing or lending institution) that has legal authority or responsibility (by statute, regulation, other law, or contract) to fund or incur financial obligations for the design, engineering, installation, operation, or maintenance of any facility or equipment that treats, filters, remediates, or manages water that has entered or may enter Drinking Water or any Public Water System; but does not refer to a Non-Transient Non-Community Water System that serves 3,300 or fewer people, according to SDWIS, or to a Transient Non-Community Water System of any size. It is the intention of the Settlement Agreement that the definition of "Public Water System" be as broad, expansive, and inclusive as possible. Non-Transient Non-Community Water System means a Public Water System that is not a Community Water System and that regularly serves at least twenty-five (25) of the same persons over six (6) months per year, consistent with the use of that term in 40 C.F.R. Part 141.

Transient Non-Community Water System means a Public Water System that is not a Community Water System and that does not regularly serve at least twenty-five (25) of the same persons over six (6) months per year, consistent with the use of that term in 40 C.F.R. Part 141.

SDWIS means the U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Information System Federal Reporting Services system, as of June 22, 2023.

#### IV. WHAT ARE THE KEY TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

The key terms of the proposed Settlement are as follows.

1. <u>Settlement Amount</u>. 3M has agreed to pay an amount not less than \$10,500,000,000 and not more than \$12,500,000,000 (the "Settlement Amount"), subject to final approval of the Settlement by the Court and certain other conditions specified in the Settlement Agreement. 3M shall additionally pay up to \$5,000,000 to cover costs incurred by the Notice Administrator in the course of executing the Notice Plan. Together, these payments from 3M constitute the "Settlement Funds." Payments to Qualifying Class Members will be referred to as "Settlement Awards." In no event shall 3M be required under the Settlement Agreement to pay any amounts above the Settlement Funds. Any fees, costs, expenses, or incentive awards payable under the Settlement Agreement shall be paid out of, and shall not be in addition to, the Settlement Funds.

2. <u>Settlement Benefit</u>. Each Settlement Class Member that has not excluded itself from the Settlement Class will be eligible to receive a settlement check(s) from the Claims Administrator based on the Allocation Procedures developed by Class Counsel, which are subject to final approval by the Court as fair and reasonable.

3. <u>Settlement Administration</u>. The Court has appointed a Special Master and Claims Administrator pursuant to Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) to oversee the allocation of the Settlement Funds. They will adhere to their duties set forth herein and in the Settlement Agreement. The Special Master will generally oversee the Claims Administrator and make any final decision(s) related to any appeals by Qualifying Class Members or 3M and any ultimate decision(s) presented by the Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator will perform the actual modeling, allocation, and payment distribution functions. The Claims Administrator will seek assistance from the Special Master when needed. The Claims Administrator may also seek the assistance of the Interim Class Counsel's consultants who assisted in providing guidance in designing the Allocation Procedures.

4. <u>Allocation Procedures Overview</u>. The Allocation Procedures (attached as Exhibit Q to the Settlement Agreement) were designed to fairly and equitably allocate the Settlement Amount among Qualifying Class Members to resolve PFAS contamination of Drinking Water in Public Water Systems in such a way that reflects factors used in designing a water treatment system in connection with such contamination. The volume of impacted water and the degree of impact are the main factors in calculating the cost of treating PFAS; the Allocation Procedures use formulas to arrive at the amounts due, to equitably compensate Qualifying Class Members for PFAS-related treatment. There will also be a Settlement website, available at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com, which will allow putative Class Members to access information about the Settlement, including Court documents and an Estimated Allocation Range Table that will allow Class Members to determine a good faith estimate of their potential award.

5. *Claims Form Process.* The Claims Administrator will verify that each entity that submits a Claim Form is a Qualifying Class Member and will confirm the category into which the Class Member falls.

- Qualifying Class Members fall into one of two categories: Phase One Qualifying Class Members or Phase Two Qualifying Class Members. Phase One Qualifying Class Members will be allocated \$6,875,000,000. Phase Two Qualifying Class Members' allocation will be between \$3,625,000,000 and \$5,625,000,000, depending on the factors and process set forth in the Allocation Procedures.
  - O A Phase One Qualifying Class Member is an Active Public Water System in the United States that has one or more Impacted Water System as of June 22, 2023. Each Phase One Qualifying Class Member must test each of its Water Sources for PFAS; request from the laboratory that performs the analyses all analytical results, including the actual numeric values of all analytical results; and submit or cause the testing laboratory to submit detailed PFAS test results to the Claims Administrator on a Claims Form(s) by dates specified below and on the Settlement website, available at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com. The Claims Administrator will establish three separate funds for the benefit of Phase One Qualifying Class Members. Such Settlement Class Members will be eligible for compensation from at least one and potentially more of these funds. These funds and the criteria the Claims Administrator will use to determine the amount each Phase One Qualifying Class Member will receive from them are fully described in the Allocation Procedures in Exhibit Q to the Settlement Agreement.

o A Phase Two Qualifying Class Member is an Active Public Water System in the United States that does not have one or more Impacted Water Sources as of June 22, 2023, and (i) is required to test for certain PFAS under UCMR-5 or (ii) serves more than 3,300 people. Each Phase Two Qualifying Class Member must test each of its Water Sources for PFAS; request from the laboratory that performs the analyses all analytical results, including the actual numeric values; and submit or cause the testing laboratory to submit detailed PFAS test results to the Claims Administrator on a Claims Form within forty-five (45) calendar days after receiving the test results, absent what the Claims Administrator deems in writing to be an extraordinary circumstance, and no later than July 1, 2026. The Claims Administrator will establish four separate funds for the benefit of Phase Two Qualifying Class Members. These funds and the criteria the Claims Administrator will use to determine the amount each Phase Two Settlement Class Member will receive from them are fully described in the Allocation Procedures.

The initial step for establishing Settlement Class membership and eligibility for compensation from the Settlement Amount is the completion of the relevant Claims Form. The term "Claims Form" may refer to any of seven separate forms:

- 1. Phase One Public Water System Settlement Claims Form;
- 2. Phase One Supplemental Fund Claims Form;
- 3. Phase One Special Needs Fund Claims Form;
- 4. Phase Two Testing Compensation Claims Form;
- 5. Phase Two Action Fund Claims Form;
- 6. Phase Two Supplemental Fund Claims Form; and
- 7. Phase Two Special Needs Fund Claims Form.

These Claims Forms will be available online at the Settlement website and can be submitted to the Claims Administrator electronically or on paper. The Claims Forms will vary depending on the applicable Settlement Class membership category (Phase One or Phase Two) and on the specific fund or funds from which compensation is sought.

The Claims Administrator will review each Claims Form, verify the completeness of the data it contains, and follow up as appropriate, including to notify Settlement Class Members of the need to cure deficiencies in their submission(s), if any. Based on the data in the Claims Forms, the Claims Administrator will then confirm Settlement Class membership and category and determine the amount each Settlement Class Member is owed from each fund from which the Settlement Class Member seeks compensation. Should any portion of the Settlement Amount remain following the completion of the Claims Forms process, it will be distributed to Qualifying Class Members on a pro rata basis as explained in the Settlement Agreement and Allocation Procedures. None of any such remaining Settlement Amount shall be returned to 3M.

5. <u>Payment of Settlement Amount</u>. 3M shall pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Funds in accordance with the payment terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement and the Payment Schedule in Exhibit K to that Agreement. If the Settlement does not become final, 3M is entitled to a refund of the unused Settlement Amount, and no distribution to Settlement Class Members will occur.

6. <u>Release</u>. All Settlement Class Members that have not excluded themselves from the Settlement Class will release certain Claims against 3M, its affiliates, predecessors, and successors, and certain other Persons and entities as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. This is referred to as the "Release." Generally speaking, the Release will prevent any Settlement Class Member from bringing any lawsuit against 3M or making any Claims resolved by the Settlement Agreement. In addition, all Settlement Class Members release any and all Claims for punitive damages.

The Release, as set forth in Section 11 of the Settlement Agreement, will be effective as to every Settlement Class Member that has not excluded itself from the Settlement Class, regardless of whether or not that Settlement Class Member files a Claims Form or receives any distribution from the Settlement.

7. <u>Attorney Fee/Litigation Cost and Class Representative Awards.</u> The Court will determine the amounts of attorneys' fees and expenses to award to Class Counsel from the Settlement Amount for investigating the facts and law in the Action, the massive amount of litigation surrounding the Action, the trial preparations, and negotiating the proposed Settlement. Class Counsel will request an award of attorneys' fees and costs. Class Counsel will make their request in a motion for attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with Section 8.8 of the Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel intend to file a motion for an award of attorneys' fees and costs that will request that amounts due under the Common-Benefit Holdback Assessment provisions in Case Management Order No. 3, private attorney/client contracts, and fees of Class Counsel all be paid from the Qualified Settlement Fund.

Class Counsel will make their request in a motion to be filed with the Court not less than twenty (20) calendar days before Objections are due pursuant to Paragraphs 8.4, 8.7, and 8.8 of the Settlement Agreement. After the motion is filed, copies will be available from Class Counsel, the Settlement website (www.PFASWaterSettlement.com), or the Court docket for *City of Camden, et al., v. 3M Company*, No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG.

Any attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Amount.

8. <u>Settlement Administration</u>. All fees, costs, and expenses incurred in the administration and/or work by the Notice Administrator, including fees, costs, and expenses of the Notice Administrator, as well as the costs of distributing notice, shall be paid from the Settlement Funds. All fees, costs, and expenses incurred in the administration and/or work by the Claims Administrator, including fees, costs, and expenses of the Claims Administrator, shall be paid from the Settlement Amount. All fees, costs, and expenses incurred in the administration and/or work by the Special Master, including fees, costs, and expenses of the Special Master, shall be paid from the Settlement Amount. 3M shall have no obligation to pay any such fees, costs, and expenses other than the Settlement Funds.

9. <u>Dismissal of the Litigation</u>. If the Settlement is approved by the Court and becomes final, all pending Litigation will be dismissed with prejudice to the extent it contains Released Claims. If the Settlement is not approved by the Court or does not become final for any reason, the Litigation will continue, and Class Members will not be entitled to receive any Settlement Award.

THE PARAGRAPHS ABOVE PROVIDE ONLY A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT. YOU CAN REVIEW THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ITSELF FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXACT TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT. THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.PFASWATERSETTLEMENT.COM.

#### V. HOW WILL THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT BE DIVIDED AMONG CLASS MEMBERS?

#### 1. Baseline Testing.

#### Phase One Qualifying Class Members

Each Phase One Qualifying Class Member must perform Baseline Testing. Baseline Testing requires each Phase One Qualifying Class Member to test each of its Water Sources for PFAS; request from the laboratory that performs the analyses all analytical results, including the actual numeric values of all analytical results; and submit or cause the testing laboratory to submit detailed PFAS test results to the Claims Administrator on a Claims Form(s) by dates specified below.

Any Water System tested on or before June 22, 2023, using a state- or federal-approved methodology and found to contain a Measurable Concentration of PFAS, does not need to be tested again for purposes of Baseline Testing.

Any Water Source tested prior to January 1, 2019, that did not result in a Measurable Concentration of PFAS, must retest to meet Baseline Testing requirements. If a Water Source tested January 1, 2019, or later, and it did not result in a Measurable Concentration of PFAS, no further testing of that Water Source is required.

Baseline Testing requires the following:

- i. PFAS tests must be conducted at a minimum for PFAS analytes for which UCMR-5 requires testing, and
- ii. The PFAS test results must report any Measurable Concentration of PFAS, regardless of whether the level of PFAS detected in the water is above or below UCMR-5's relevant minimum reporting level.

Each Phase One Qualifying Class Member will verify in its Claims Form that it has tested all its Water Sources for PFAS. Failure to test and submit Qualifying Test Results for Water Sources (e.g., each groundwater well/each surface-water source) will disqualify Water Sources from consideration for present and future payments.

#### Phase Two Qualifying Class Members

Each Phase Two Qualifying Class Member must perform Baseline Testing. Baseline Testing requires each Phase Two Qualifying Class Member to test each of its Water Sources for PFAS; request from the laboratory that performs the analyses all analytical results, including the actual numeric values of all analytical results; and submit or cause the testing laboratory to submit detailed PFAS test results to the Claims Administrator on a Claims Form within forty-five (45) calendar days after receiving the test results, absent what the Claims Administrator deems in writing to be an extraordinary circumstance, and no later than July 1, 2026.

Baseline Testing requires the following:

- i. PFAS tests must be conducted at a minimum for PFAS analytes for which UCMR-5 requires testing, and
- ii. the PFAS test results must report any Measurable Concentration of PFAS, regardless of whether the level of PFAS detected in the water is above or below UCMR-5's relevant minimum reporting level.

Each Phase Two Qualifying Class Member will verify in its Claims Form that it has tested all its Water Sources for PFAS. Failure to test and submit Qualifying Test Results for Water Sources will disqualify Water Sources from consideration for present and future payments.

A Phase Two Qualifying Class Member that does not fully and timely satisfy these Phase Two Baseline Testing requirements shall be presumed to lack any Impacted Water Source and thus may be declared by the Claims Administrator to be ineligible to receive further payment from Phase Two.

Baseline Testing may be performed by any laboratory accredited or certified by a state government or federal regulatory agency for PFAS analysis that uses any state or federal agency-approved or -validated PFAS analytical method that is consistent with (or stricter) than the requirements of UCMR-5.

Class Counsel has arranged for discounted testing with the following laboratory to assist Class Members with Baseline Testing. The listed laboratory will forward the test results to the Claims Administrator. There is no requirement to use the listed laboratory.

#### Eurofins

Telephone Number: 916-374-4499

Website: https://www.eurofinsus.com/environment-testing/pfas-testing/pfas-water-provider-settlement/

2. Base Scores for Water Sources. The Allocation Procedures are designed to allocate money based on factors that dictate the costs of water treatment. It is well documented in the scientific literature and well known throughout the public water industry that the costs associated with water treatment consist of 1) capital costs and 2) operations and maintenance costs. Capital costs are mainly driven by the Impacted Water Source's flow rate. Operations and maintenance costs are mainly driven by flow rate and the levels of PFAS in the water. The Allocation Procedures utilize proxies for capital costs and operations and maintenance costs to generate a Base Score for each Impacted Water Source. The Claims Administrator will input the flow rates and PFAS concentrations from the Claims Forms into an EPA-derived formula that calculates a Base Score for each Impacted Water Source.

3. <u>Adjusted Base Scores</u>. Certain Class Members will be eligible for increases, or bumps, to their Base Scores. Based on the Claims Forms submitted, the Claims Administrator will determine if a Class Member is eligible for three available enhancements to the score: the Litigation Bump, the Public Water Provider Bellwether Bump (or Bellwether Bump), and the Regulatory Bump. A Class Member may qualify for none, one, or multiple bumps.

The Litigation Bump applies to all Qualifying Class Members that have a pending lawsuit filed in a state or federal court asserting Claims against 3M related to alleged PFAS contamination of Drinking Water in Public Water Systems. The Bellwether Bump applies to the Impacted Water Sources that are owned or operated by Qualifying Class Members that served as one of the ten Public Water Provider Bellwether Plaintiffs. The Regulatory Bump will apply when an Impacted Water Source exceeds (i) an applicable state Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for a PFAS analyte or (ii) the proposed federal MCL for a PFAS analyte. The Claims Administrator will consider all Proposed Federal PFAS MCL and existing state MCLs for PFAS chemicals existing on the date the Court issues a Final Approval to determine if an Impacted Water Source has ever exceeded any applicable standard during the Class Period.

After the Claims Administrator applies the appropriate bumps to each Impacted Water Source, the Claims Administrator will use the new Adjusted Base Scores to determine how much of the Settlement Amount each Impacted Water Source will receive.

4. <u>Settlement Awards</u>. The information required to calculate Settlement Awards is not publicly available and is only obtainable through the Claims Forms submitted by Class Members. Thus, the Settlement Awards that each Class Member will receive are not determinable until the Claims Administrator analyzes all the Claims Forms submitted by the Claims Form deadline. The Settlement website will offer information that will allow all putative Class Members to see a good-faith estimate for an allocation range for each Impacted Water Source.

5. <u>Special Needs Funds</u>. Special Needs Funds will be established by the Claims Administrator for Phase One and Phase Two Qualifying Class Members that have expended monetary resources on extraordinary efforts to address PFAS detections in their Impacted Water Sources. Class Members can file a Special Needs Fund Claims Form to be considered for reimbursement of these expenditures.

6. <u>Supplemental Funds</u>. The Claims Administrator will also establish Phase One and Phase Two Supplemental Funds so that a Qualifying Class Member that did not initially exceed a state or federal MCL when it submitted its Claims Form can request additional funds if it later exceeds a state or federal MCL, and so that a Qualifying Class Member with a Water Source that initially did not have a Qualifying Test Result showing a Measurable Concentration of PFAS and later had such a Qualifying Test Result can request additional funds.

#### VI. WHO REPRESENTS THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

The Court has appointed the attorneys from the following law firms to act as counsel for the Class (referred to as "Class Counsel" or "Plaintiffs' Counsel") for purposes of the proposed Settlement:

3102 Oak Lawn Ave., Ste. 1100 59 Maiden Lane, 6th Floor 1302	Paul J. Napoli <b>apoli Shkolnik</b> Av. Ponce de Leon n, Puerto Rico 00907
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#### VII. WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

Class Counsel, Class Representatives, and 3M have engaged in extensive, arm's-length negotiations, including negotiations facilitated by a Court-appointed mediator, and have, subject to the Preliminary and Final Approval of the Court, reached an agreement to settle and release all Released Claims, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

Class Representatives and Class Counsel have concluded, after a thorough investigation and after carefully considering the relevant circumstances, including the Claims asserted, the legal and factual defenses thereto, the applicable law, the burdens, risks, uncertainties, and expense of litigation, as well as the fair, cost-effective, and assured method of resolving the Claims, that it would be in the best interests of Settlement Class Members to participate in the Settlement in order to avoid the uncertainties of litigation and to ensure that the benefits reflected herein are obtained for Settlement Class Members. Further, Class Representatives and Class Counsel consider the Settlement set forth herein to be fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of Settlement Class Members.

3M, while continuing to deny any violation, wrongdoing, or liability with respect to any and all Claims asserted in the Litigation and all Released Claims, either on its part or on the part of any of the Released Parties, entered into the Settlement Agreement to avoid the expense, inconvenience, and distraction of further litigation.

#### VIII. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NOW?

*YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT.* You must file a Claims Form to be eligible to receive a payment under the Settlement Agreement. You can submit your Claims Form online at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com, or you can download, complete, and mail your Claims Form to the Claims Administrator at AFFF Public Water System Claims, PO Box 4466, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. The deadline for a Phase One Settlement Class Member to submit a Phase One Public Water System Settlement Claims Form is 60 days following the Effective Date, and the deadline for a Phase Two Settlement Class Member to submit a Phase Two Action Fund Claims Form is June 30, 2026.

Regardless of whether you file a Claims Form or receive any distribution under the Settlement, unless you timely opt out as described below, you will be bound by the Settlement and any judgment or other final disposition related to the Settlement, including the Release set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and will be precluded from pursuing Claims against 3M separately if those Claims are within the scope of the Release.

YOU CAN OPT OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT. If you do not wish to be a Settlement Class Member, and do not want to participate in the Settlement and receive funds from the Settlement, you may exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by completing and mailing a notice of intention to opt-out (referred to as a "Request for Exclusion" or an "Opt-Out"). Anyone within the Settlement Class that wishes to opt out of the Settlement Class and Settlement must file a written and signed statement entitled "Request for Exclusion" with the Notice Administrator, provide service in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5, and comply with all Opt-Out provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

To be treated as valid, the Request for Exclusion must be served on the Notice Administrator, the Special Master, the Claims Administrator, Counsel for 3M, and Class Counsel at the addresses below.

Notice Administrator:

In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation c/o 3M Notice Administrator 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210 Philadelphia, PA 19103

#### **Special Master:**

Matthew Garretson Wolf/Garretson LLC P.O. Box 2806 Park City, UT 84060

**Claims Administrator:** 

AFFF Public Water System Claims PO Box 4466 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

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The Request for Exclusion must be received by the Notice Administrator no later than December 11, 2023.

The Request for Exclusion must certify, under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the filer has been legally authorized to exclude the Person from the Settlement and must provide:

- an affidavit or other proof of the Settlement Class Member's standing;
- the filer's name, address, telephone, facsimile number and email address (if available); and
- the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the Person whose exclusion is requested.

Any Person that submits a timely and valid Request for Exclusion shall not (i) be bound by any orders or judgments effecting the Settlement; (ii) be entitled to any of the relief or other benefits provided under the Settlement Agreement; (iii) gain any rights by virtue of the Settlement Agreement; or (iv) be entitled to submit an Objection.

If you own or operate more than one Public Water System and are authorized to determine whether to submit Requests for Exclusion on those Public Water Systems' behalf, you may submit a Request for Exclusion on behalf of some of those Public Water Systems but not the other(s). You must submit a Request for an Exclusion on behalf of each such Public Water System that you wish to opt out of the Settlement Class. Any Public Water System that is not specifically identified in a Request for Exclusion will remain in the Settlement Class.

Any Settlement Class Member that does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion submits to the jurisdiction of the Court and, unless the Settlement Class Member submits an Objection that complies with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, shall waive and forfeit any and all objections the Settlement Class Member may have asserted.

YOU CAN OBJECT OR TAKE OTHER ACTIONS. Any Settlement Class Member who has not successfully excluded itself ("opted out") may object to the Settlement. Any Settlement Class Member that wishes to object to the Settlement or to an award of fees or expenses to Class Counsel must file a written and signed statement designated "Objection" with the Clerk of the Court, provide service on 3M's Counsel and Class Counsel at the addresses below in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5, and comply with all Objections provisions of the Settlement Agreement. Objections submitted by any Settlement Class Member to incorrect locations shall not be valid.

#### Clerk of the Court:

Clerk, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina 85 Broad Street Charleston, SC 29401

#### Counsel for 3M:

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- an affidavit or other proof of the Settlement Class Member's standing;
- the filer's name, address, telephone, facsimile number and email address (if available);
- the name, address, telephone, facsimile number and email address (if available) of the Person whose Objection is submitted;
- all objections asserted by the Settlement Class Member and the specific reason(s) for each objection, including all legal support and evidence the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention;
- an indication as to whether the Settlement Class Member wishes to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing; and
- the identity of all witnesses the Settlement Class Member may call to testify.

The deadline to submit an Objection is November 11, 2023.

Settlement Class Members may object either on their own or through any attorney hired at their own expense. If a Settlement Class Member is represented by counsel, the attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Clerk of Court no later than **November 11, 2023**, the date ordered by the Court for the filing of Objections, and serve such notice in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 within the same time period.

Any Settlement Class Member that fully complies with the provisions for objecting may, at the Court's discretion, appear at the Final Fairness Hearing to object to the Settlement or to the award of fees and costs to Class Counsel. Any Settlement Class Member that fails to comply with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement for objecting shall waive and forfeit any and all objections the Settlement Class Member may have asserted.

#### IX. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING?

Before deciding whether to grant final approval to the Settlement, the Court will hold the Final Fairness Hearing in Charleston Courtroom #1, J. Waties Waring Judicial Center, 85 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, on **February 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. EST.** At that time, the Court will determine, among other things, (i) whether the Settlement should be granted final approval as fair, reasonable, and adequate, (ii) whether the Action should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, (iii) whether the Settlement Class should be conclusively certified for settlement purposes only, (iv) whether Settlement Class Members should be bound by the Release set forth in the Settlement Agreement, (v) the amount of attorneys' fees and costs to be awarded to Class Counsel, if any, and (vi) the amount of the award to be made to the Class Representatives for their services, if any. The Final Fairness Hearing may be postponed, adjourned, or continued by Order of the Court without further notice to the Class.

# X. HOW CAN YOU GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTION, THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, OR THE NOTICE?

The descriptions of the Action, the Settlement, and the Settlement Agreement in this Notice are only a general summary. In the event of a conflict between this Notice and the Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Settlement Agreement control. All papers filed in this case, including the full Settlement Agreement, are available for you to inspect and copy (at your cost) at the office of the Clerk of Court, the Settlement website, or online through the Court's electronic docket. A copy of the Settlement Agreement may also be obtained from Class Counsel by contacting them at the addresses or telephone numbers set forth above. Any questions concerning this Notice, the Settlement Agreement, or the Settlement may be directed to Class Counsel. You may also seek the advice and counsel of your own attorney, at your own expense, if you desire.

# DO NOT WRITE OR TELEPHONE THE COURT, THE CLERK'S OFFICE, OR DEFENDANT WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, THE SETTLEMENT, OR THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

#### XI. WHAT ARE THE ADDRESSES YOU MAY NEED?

#### If to the Notice Administrator:

In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation c/o 3M Notice Administrator 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210 Philadelphia, PA 19103

#### If to the Claims Administrator:

AFFF Public Water System Claims PO Box 4466 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

#### If to the Clerk of the Court:

Clerk, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina 85 Broad Street Charleston, SC 29401

If to the Special Master:

Matthew Garretson Wolf/Garretson LLC P.O. Box 2806 Park City, UT 84060

## If to the Class Representatives, Class Counsel, or Settlement Class Members:

Scott Summy	Michael A. London	Paul J. Napoli
Baron & Budd, P.C.	Douglas & London	<b>Napoli Shkolnik</b>
3102 Oak Lawn Ave., Ste. 1100	59 Maiden Lane, 6th Floor	1302 Av. Ponce de Leon
Dallas, Texas 75219	New York, NY 10038	San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907

Elizabeth A. Fegan	
Fegan Scott LLC	
150 S. Wacker Drive, 24th Floor	
Chicago, IL 60606	М

Joseph F. Rice Motley Rice LLC 28 Bridgeside Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

#### If to Counsel for 3M:

Kevin H. Rhodes Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Affairs Officer Legal Affairs Department 3M Company 3M Center, 220-9E-01 St. Paul, MN 55144-1000	Thomas J. Perrelli Jenner & Block LLP 1099 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 900 Washington, DC 20001-4412	Richard F. Bulger Mayer Brown LLP 71 South Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606
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#### XII. WHAT YOU MUST INCLUDE IN ANY DOCUMENT YOU SEND REGARDING THE ACTION.

In sending any document to the Notice Administrator, Claims Administrator, the Court, Class Counsel, or 3M's Counsel, you must include the following case name and identifying number on any documents and on the outside of the envelope:

In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG (D.S.C.), this document relates to: City of Camden, et al., v. 3M Company, No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG.

You must also include your full name, address, email address, and a telephone number where you can be reached.

#### XIII. WHAT IMPORTANT DEADLINES YOU NEED TO KNOW.

Deadline Description	Deadline Date
Deadline to Object	11/11/2023
Deadline to Opt Out	12/11/2023
Court's Final Fairness Hearing	2/2/2024 at 10:00 a.m. EST
Phase One Public Water System Claims Form	60 Days after the Effective Date
Phase One Special Needs Claims Form	45 Days after the Phase One Public Water System Claims Form Deadline
Phase Two Testing Compensation Claims Form	1/1/2026
Phase Two Action Fund Claims Form	7/31/2026
Phase Two Special Needs Claims Form	8/1/2026
Phase One Supplemental Fund Claims Form	12/31/2030
Phase Two Supplemental Fund Claims Form	12/31/2030

The Honorable Richard M. Gergel UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: 9/12/2023



To: Village Council President and Council Members

From: Village Manager

Date: December 15, 2023

#### Re: Class Action Settlement with Dupont

Attached to this memorandum is a notice for a class action settlement with the company Dupont. Class Representatives have alleged that they have suffered harm resulting from the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water and/or the need to monitor for the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water, and that Dupont is liable for damages and other forms of relief to compensate for such harm and costs. Class members include water distributors, such as Beverly Hills. The Village will be bound by this settlement agreement unless the Village opts out. According to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), of which the Village of Beverly Hills is a member, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has never found PFAS compound in their source water supplies. GLWA will be participating in this settlement, but it does not anticipate receiving any money because no PFAS has been found in the GLWA drinking water system. Bob Davis, attorney for SOCWA, is recommending that all SOCWA communities participate in the Dupont settlement agreement, even though the Village may only be eligible to receive a minor amount of funds.

#### SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes the Village of Beverly Hills, a public water distributor, to enter into the Class Action Settlement with Dupont.

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHARLESTON DIVISION

## IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAMS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 2:18-mn-02873

**This document relates to** *City of Camden, et al., v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, et al.,* No. 2:23-cv-03230-RMG

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND COURT APPROVAL HEARING

TO: All Public Water Systems in the United States of America that draw or otherwise collect from any Water Source that, on or before June 30, 2023, was tested or otherwise analyzed for PFAS and found to contain any PFAS at any level; and

All Public Water Systems in the United States of America that, as of June 30, 2023, are (i) subject to the monitoring rules set forth in UCMR 5 (i.e., "large" systems serving more than 10,000 people and "small" systems serving between 3,300 and 10,000 people), or (ii) required under applicable state or federal law to test or otherwise analyze any of their Water Sources or the water they provide for PFAS before the UCMR 5 Deadline.

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Settlement Agreement and the Allocation Procedures, available for review at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com.

A FEDERAL COURT APPROVED THIS NOTICE. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY, AS THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED BELOW MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND PROVIDE YOU WITH POTENTIAL BENEFITS. THIS IS *NOT* A NOTICE OF A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU OR A SOLICITATION FROM A LAWYER.

#### I. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this Notice is (i) to advise you that a proposed settlement (referred to as the "Settlement") has been reached with the defendants The Chemours Company, The Chemours Company FC, LLC, DuPont de Nemours, Inc., Corteva, Inc., and E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company n/k/a EIDP, Inc. (each, a "Settling Defendant" and collectively, "Settling Defendants") in the above-captioned lawsuit (the "Action") pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina (the "Court"); (ii) to summarize your rights in connection with the Settlement; and (iii) to inform you of a Court hearing to consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement, to be held on <u>December 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EST</u>, before the Honorable Richard M. Gergel, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, located at 85 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401.

If you received this Notice about the proposed Settlement in the mail, then you have been identified as a potential Settlement Class Member according to the Parties' records. Please read this Notice carefully.

#### **II. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?**

Class Representatives are Public Water Systems that have filed actions against Settling Defendants and other defendants, which actions are currently pending in the above- captioned multi-district litigation, In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873 (D.S.C.) (the "MDL").

Class Representatives have alleged that they have suffered harm resulting from the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water and/or are required to monitor for the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water and that Settling Defendants are liable for damages and other forms of relief to compensate for such harm and costs.

In addition to the MDL, certain other cases are pending against Settling Defendants asserting Released Claims (collectively with the MDL, all pending litigation brought by or on behalf of a Releasing Person against a Released Person involved Released Claims shall be referred to as the "Litigation").

There are numerous defendants in addition to Settling Defendants in the MDL and the cases comprising the Litigation. Those other defendants are not part of this Settlement Agreement. The Class Representatives and Settlement Class Members will remain able to seek separate and additional PFAS-related recoveries from those other defendants in addition to the Settlement Amount here. The Parties agree, and Class Counsel have a reasonable basis to believe, that the Settling Defendants collectively comprise a very small share of MDL defendants' total alleged PFAS-related liabilities, on the order of approximately 3-7% or less.

The Settling Defendants deny the allegations in the Litigation and all other allegations relating to the Released Claims and deny that they have any liability to Class Representatives, the Settlement Class, or any Settlement Class Member for any Claims of any kind, and would assert a number of legal and factual defenses against such Claims if they were litigated to conclusion (including against certification of any purported class for litigation purposes).

This Notice should not be understood as an expression of any opinion by the Court as to the merits of the Class Representatives' claims or the Settling Defendants' defenses.

#### **III. WHO IS PART OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?**

The Class Representatives and Settling Defendants have entered into the Settlement Agreement to resolve Claims relating to PFAS contamination of Public Water Systems. The Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement Agreement as fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will hold a Final Fairness Hearing, as described below, to consider whether to make the Settlement final.

The Settlement Class consists of each of the following:

(a) All Public Water Systems in the United States of America that draw or otherwise collect from any Water Source that, on or before June 30, 2023, was tested or otherwise analyzed for PFAS and found to contain any PFAS at any level;

#### AND

(b)All Public Water Systems in the United States of America that, as of June 30, 2023, are (i) subject to the monitoring rules set forth in UCMR 5 (i.e., "large" systems serving more than 10,000 people and "small" systems serving between 3,300 and 10,000 people), or (ii) required under applicable state or federal law to test or otherwise analyze any of their Water Sources or the water they provide for PFAS before the UCMR 5 Deadline.

Not all Public Water Systems are potential Settlement Class Members: specifically, Public Water Systems that are owned and operated by a State or the federal government, and cannot sue or be sued in their own name, as well as certain other systems set forth below, are <u>expressly excluded</u> from the Settlement Class. In addition, Public Water Systems that do not fall within the Settlement Class definition set forth above are not Settlement Class Members.

The following are <u>excluded</u> from the Settlement Class:

- a) Any Public Water System that is located in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, Pender, or Robeson counties in North Carolina; provided, however, that any such system will be included within the Settlement Class if it so requests.
- b) Any Public Water System that is owned and operated by a State government and cannot sue or be sued in its own name, as listed in Exhibit I to the Settlement Agreement.
- c) Any Public Water System that is owned and operated by the federal government and cannot sue or be sued in its own name, as listed in Exhibit J to the Settlement Agreement.
- d) Any privately owned well or surface water system that is not owned by, used by, or otherwise part of, and does not draw water from, a Public Water System within the Settlement Class.

"UCMR 5" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("U.S. EPA") fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, published at 86 Fed. Reg. 73131.

"UCMR 5 Deadline" means (i) December 31, 2025, or (ii) such later date to which the deadline for completion of sample collection under UCMR 5 may be extended by the U.S. EPA.

"Water Source" means any groundwater well, surface water intake, and any other intake point from which a Public Water System draws or collects Drinking Water, including water it provides or collects, treats or stores for distribution to customers or users.<sup>1</sup>

#### IV. WHAT ARE THE KEY TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

The key terms of the proposed Settlement are as follows.

1. <u>Settlement Amount</u>. Settling Defendants have agreed to pay the total and maximum dollar amount of one billion one hundred eighty-five million dollars (\$1,185,000,000) (the "Settlement Amount"), subject to final approval of the Settlement by the Court and certain other conditions specified in the Settlement Agreement. In no event shall the Settling Defendants be required under the Settlement Agreement to pay any amounts above the Settlement Amount. Any fees, costs, expenses, or incentive awards payable under the Settlement Agreement shall be paid out of, and shall not be in addition to, the Settlement Amount.

2. <u>Settlement Benefit</u>. Each Settlement Class Member who has not excluded itself from the Settlement Class will be eligible to receive a settlement check(s) from the Claims Administrator based on the Allocation Procedures developed by Class Counsel, which are subject to final approval by the Court as fair and reasonable. Each Settlement Class Member's settlement amount will be based on information submitted by Settlement Class Members in their Claims Forms and will depend on each Impacted Water Source's flow rate and level of concentration as compared to all other Settlement Class Members' Impacted Water Sources. The allocation process is described below. Precisely how much each Settlement Class Member will receive is unknown at this time because it depends on all the information submitted by all Settlement Class Members.

3. <u>Settlement Administration</u>. The Court has appointed a Special Master and Claims Administrator pursuant to Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) to oversee the allocation of the Settlement Funds. They will adhere to their duties set forth herein and in the Settlement Agreement. The Special Master will generally oversee the Claims Administrator and make any final decision(s) related to any appeals by Qualifying Settlement Class Members and any ultimate decision(s) presented by the Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator will perform the actual modeling, allocation and payment distribution functions. The Claims Administrator will seek assistance from the Special Master when needed. The Claims Administrator may seek the assistance of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee ("PEC") consultants who assisted in providing guidance in designing the Allocation Procedures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other capitalized terms have the meaning given those terms in the Settlement Agreement.

#### **Allocation Procedures Overview**

The Allocation Procedures were designed to fairly and equitably allocate the Settlement Funds among Qualifying Settlement Class Members to resolve PFAS contamination of Public Water Systems in such a way that reflects factors used in designing a water treatment system in connection with such contamination. Both the volume of contaminated water and the degree of contamination are the main factors in calculating the cost of treating PFAS contamination; the Allocation Procedures use scientific and EPA- derived formulas to arrive at Allocated Amounts that proportionally compensate Qualifying Settlement Class Members for PFAS-related treatment. The Allocation Procedures are appended as Exhibit C to the Settlement Agreement.

1. <u>Claims Form Process</u>. The Claims Administrator will verify that each Entity that submits a Claims Form is a Qualifying Settlement Class Member and will confirm the category into which the Settlement Class Member falls.

- Settlement Class Members fall into one of two categories: Phase One Qualifying Settlement Class Members or Phase Two Qualifying Settlement Class Members. Phase One Qualifying Settlement Class Members will be allocated 55% of the Settlement Funds and Phase Two Qualifying Class Members will be allocated 45% of the Settlement Funds.<sup>2</sup>
  - o A Phase One Qualifying Settlement Class Member is a Public Water System that draws or otherwise collects from any Water Source that tested or otherwise analyzed on or before June 30, 2023 and found to contain any PFAS at any level. The Claims Administrator will establish five separate payment sources from which Phase One Qualifying Settlement Class Members may receive Settlement Funds. Such Settlement Class Members will be eligible for compensation from at least one and potentially more of the payment sources. These sources, and the criteria the Claims Administrator will use to determine the amount each Phase One Qualifying Settlement Class Member will receive from them, are described below and fully in the Allocation Procedures.
  - o A Phase Two Qualifying Settlement Class Member is a Public Water System that is not a Phase One Qualifying Settlement Class Member and is subject to the monitoring rules set forth in UCMR 5 or other applicable state or federal law. The Claims Administrator will establish five separate payment sources from which Phase Two Qualifying Settlement Class Members may receive Settlement Funds. Such Settlement Class Members will be eligible for compensation from at least one and potentially more of these payment sources, one of which will be to offset the costs of PFAS testing. These sources, and the criteria the Claims Administrator will use to determine the amount each Phase Two Qualifying Settlement Class Member will receive from them, are described below and fully in the Allocation Procedures.

The initial step for establishing Settlement Class Membership and eligibility for compensation from any of the Settlement Funds is the completion of the Claimant Information Form. After a Person completes the Public Water System Settlement Claims Form, the Settlement Class Member will be provided with additional relevant Claims Form(s) for the payment sources for which the Settlement Class Member may be eligible. The term "Claims Form" may refer to any of seven separate forms:

- 1. Phase One Public Water System Claims Form;
- 2. Phase One Supplemental Fund Claims Form;
- 3. Phase One Special Needs Fund Claims Form;
- 4. Phase Two Testing Claims Form;
- 5. Phase Two Public Water System Claims Form;
- 6. Phase Two Supplemental Fund Claims Form; and
- 7. Phase Two Special Needs Fund Claims Form.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  This allocation between Phase One and Phase Two is subject to adjustment by the Court.

These Claims Forms will be available online and can be submitted to the Claims Administrator electronically or on paper. The Claims Forms will vary depending on the applicable Settlement Class Membership category (Phase One or Phase Two) and on the specific sources from which compensation is sought. The Claims Forms are appended as Exhibit D to the Settlement Agreement.

The Claims Administrator will review each Claims Form, verify the completeness of the data it contains, and follow up as appropriate, including to notify Settlement Class Members of the need to cure deficiencies in their submission(s), if any. Based on this data, the Claims Administrator will then confirm whether each Settlement Class Member is a Phase One Qualifying Settlement Class Member or Phase Two Qualifying Settlement Class Member and determine the amount each Settlement Class Member is owed from each payment source from which the Settlement Class Member seeks compensation. Should any portion of the Settlement Funds remain following the completion of the Claims process, they will be distributed to certain Qualifying Settlement Class Members in a pro rata fashion in proportion to their respective Allocated Amounts. None of any such remaining Settlement Funds shall be returned to the Settling Defendants.

4. <u>Payment of Settlement Amount</u>. Within ten (10) Business Days after Preliminary Approval, Settling Defendants shall pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Amount in full, in accordance with the payment terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement. If the Settlement does not become final, Settling Defendants are entitled to a refund of the unused Settlement Funds, and no distribution to Settlement Class Members will occur.

5. <u>Release</u>. All Settlement Class Members who have not excluded themselves from the Settlement Class will release certain Claims against the Settling Defendants, their affiliates, certain predecessors and successors, and other persons as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. This is referred to as the "Release." Generally speaking, the Release will prevent any Settlement Class Member from bringing any lawsuit against the Settling Defendants or making any claims resolved by the Settlement Agreement.

The Release, as set forth in Paragraphs 12.1 through 12.9 of the Settlement Agreement, will be effective as to every Settlement Class Member who has not excluded itself from the Settlement Class, regardless of whether or not that Settlement Class Member files a Claims Form or receives any distribution from the Settlement.

6. Attorney Fee/Litigation Cost and Class Representative Awards. The Court will determine the amounts of attorneys' fees and expenses to award to Class Counsel from the Settlement Amount for investigating the facts and law in the Action, the massive amount of litigation surrounding the Action, the trial preparations, and negotiating the proposed Settlement. Class Counsel will request an award of all attorneys' fees and expenses in the amounts due under the Holdback Provisions set forth in CMO No. 3. Class Counsel will make their request in a motion for attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with Section 11.2 of the Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel intend to file a motion for an award of attorneys' fees and costs that will request that amounts due under the Holdback Provisions set forth in Case Management Order No. 3, private attorney/client contracts, and fees of Class tober 15, 2023 as ordered by the Court. After the motion for attorneys' fees and costs is filed, copies will be available from Class Counsel, the Settlement website (www.PFASWaterSettlement.com), or from the Court docket for City of Camden, et al., v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, et al., No. 2:23-cv-03230-RMG.

Any attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Amount.

7. <u>Settlement Administration</u>. All fees, costs, and expenses incurred in the administration and/or work by the Notice Administrator, including fees, costs, and expenses of the Notice Administrator, as well as the costs of distributing the Notice, shall be paid from the Settlement Amount. All fees, costs, and expenses incurred in the administration and/or work by the Claims Adcosts, and expenses incurred in the administration, shall be paid from the Settlement Amount. All fees, Special Master, shall be paid from the Settlement Amount. Settlement Amount. Settling Defendants shall have no obligation to pay any such fees, costs, and expenses of the costs.

8. <u>Dismissal of the Litigation</u>. If the Settlement is approved by the Court and becomes final, all pending Litigation will be dismissed with prejudice to the extent it contains Released Claims. If the Settlement is not approved by the Court or does not become final for any reason, the Litigation will continue, and Class Members will not be entitled to receive any Settlement Benefit.

## THE PARAGRAPHS ABOVE PROVIDE ONLY A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT. YOU CAN REVIEW THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ITSELF FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXACT TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT. THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.PFASWATERSETTLEMENT.COM.

#### V. HOW WILL SETTLEMENT FUNDS BE DIVIDED AMONG CLASS MEMBERS?

1. **Baseline Testing**. Phase One and Phase Two Settlement Class Members must perform "Baseline Testing" – that is, Settlement Class Members must test every Water Source they own for PFAS. By performing Baseline Testing to determine which Water Sources have current PFAS detections, each Settlement Class Member will be able to submit Claims Forms, have its Water Sources scored, and receive Allocated Awards based on those scores.

Baseline Testing requires that each Water Source be analyzed for at least the 29 PFAS chemicals required under UCMR 5. using a methodology consistent with the requirements of UCMR 5 or applicable State requirements (if stricter). Any Water Source tested before December 7. 2021 that did not result in a PFAS detection must retest. Any Water Source that tested before June 30. 2023 that did result in a PFAS detection does NOT need to retest. However, you would still be required to test any other Water Sources that have not previously had a detection.

Baseline Testing is different from what the EPA requires for UCMR 5. Under UCMR 5, a Public Water System is required to test for PFAS only at the entry points to its distribution system, but Baseline Testing requires Settlement Class Members to test every Water Source. Because Baseline Testing requires more testing than UCMR 5, Phase Two Settlement Class Members will be compensated out of the Settlement Funds for the costs of testing each Water Source to meet Baseline Testing requirements. **Baseline Testing Claims Forms for Phase Two Settlement Class Members must be received by no later than** January 1, 2026.

Baseline Testing may be performed by any laboratory accredited by a state government or federal regulatory agency for PFAS analysis that uses any state- or federal agency-approved PFAS analytical method that is consistent with (or stricter) than the requirements of UCMR 5.

<u>Class Counsel has arranged for discounted testing with the following laboratory to assist Settlement Class Members</u> with Baseline Testing. The listed laboratory will forward the test results to the Claims Administrator. There is no requirement to use the listed laboratories.

#### **Eurofins**

<u>Telephone Number</u>: 916-374-4499 <u>Website</u>: https://www.eurofinsus.com/environment-testing/pfas-testing/pfas-water- provider-settlement/

2. <u>Base Scores for Water Sources</u>. The Allocation Procedures are designed to allocate money based on factors that dictate the costs of water treatment. It is well documented in the scientific literature and well known throughout the public water industry that the costs associated with water treatment consist of 1) capital costs and 2) operation and maintenance costs. Capital costs are mainly driven by the Impacted Water Source's flow rate. Operation and maintenance costs are mainly driven by the levels of PFAS in the water. The Allocation Procedures utilize capital costs and operation and maintenance costs to generate a score for each Impacted Water Source. The Claims Administrator will input the flow rates and PFAS concentrations from the Claims Forms into an EPA-derived formula that calculates a Base Score for each Impacted Water Source.

3. <u>Adjusted Base Scores</u>. Certain Class Members will be eligible for increased scores. Based on the Claims Forms submitted, the Claims Administrator will determine if a Settlement Class Member is eligible for three available enhancements to the score: the Litigation Bump, the Bellwether Bump, and the Regulatory Bump. A Settlement Class Member may qualify for none, one, or multiple bumps.

The Litigation Bump will apply to Settlement Class Members with a pending lawsuit against the Settling Defendants alleging PFAS contaminated Drinking Water. The Bellwether Bump will apply to the ten Settlement Class Members that served as the Public Water Provider Bellwether plaintiffs. The Regulatory Bump will apply when an Impacted Water Source exceeds an applicable state Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) or the proposed federal MCL as of <u>March 14, 2023</u>.

After the Claims Administrator applies the appropriate bumps to each Impacted Water Source, the Claims Administrator will use the new Adjusted Base Scores to determine how much of the Settlement Funds each Impacted Water Source will receive.

4. <u>Very Small Public Water System Payments</u>. All Phase One and Phase Two Settlement Class Members that are listed in the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) as Transient Non-Community Water Systems (TNCWS) and Non-Transient Non- Community Water Systems (NTNCWS) serving less than 3,300 people may apply for Phase One or Phase Two Very Small Public Water System Payments. Phase One Public Water System Claims Forms for Very Small Public Water Systems are due no later than 60 days after the Effective Date, and Phase Two Public Water System Claims Forms for Very Small Public Water Systems are due by June 30, 2026. The Claims Administrator will issue a payment of \$1,250 to the TNCWS and \$1,750 to the NTNCWS serving less than 3,300 people.

5. <u>Allocated Amounts</u>. The information required to calculate Allocated Amounts is not publicly available and is only obtainable through the Claims Forms submitted by Settlement Class Members. Thus, the Allocated Amount that each Settlement Class Member will receive is not determinable until the Claims Administrator analyzes all the Claims Forms submitted by the Claims Form deadlines.

6. <u>Special Needs Funds</u>. Special Needs Funds will be established by the Claims Administrator for Phase One and Phase Two Settlement Class Members that have expended monetary resources on extraordinary efforts to address PFAS contamination in their Impacted Water Sources. Settlement Class Members can file a Special Needs Fund Claims Form to be considered for reimbursement of these expenditures.

7. <u>Supplemental Funds</u>. The Claims Administrator will also establish Phase One and Phase Two Supplemental Funds so that Settlement Class Members who did not initially exceed a state or federal MCL when it submitted its Claims Form can request additional funds if it later exceeds a state or federal MCL.

#### VI. WHO REPRESENTS THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

The Court has appointed the attorneys from the following law firms to act as counsel for the Class (referred to as "Class Counsel" or "Plaintiffs' Counsel") for purposes of the proposed Settlement:

Elizabeth A. Fegan	Joseph F. Rice
Fegan Scott LLC	Motley Rice
150 S. Wacker Drive, 24th Floor	28 Bridgeside Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60606	Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

## VII. WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

Class Counsel, Class Representatives, and Settling Defendants have engaged in extensive, arm's-length negotiations, including negotiations facilitated by a Court-appointed mediator, and have, subject to the Preliminary and Final Approval of the Court, reached an agreement to settle and release all Released Claims, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

Class Representatives and Class Counsel have concluded, after a thorough investigation and after carefully considering the relevant circumstances, including the Claims asserted, the legal and factual defenses thereto, the applicable law, the burdens, risks, uncertainties, and expense of litigation, as well as the fair, cost-effective, and assured method of resolving the Claims, that it would be in the best interests of Settlement Class Members to participate in the Settlement in order to avoid the uncertainties of litigation and to assure that the benefits reflected herein are obtained for Settlement Class Members. Further, Class Representatives and Class Counsel consider the Settlement set forth herein to be fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of Settlement Class Members.

The Settling Defendants, while continuing to deny any violation, wrongdoing, or liability with respect to any and all Claims asserted in the Litigation and all other Released Claims, either on their part or on the part of any of the Released Persons, entered into the Settlement Agreement to avoid the expense, inconvenience, and distraction of further litigation.

#### VIII. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NOW?

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT. You must file a Claims Form to be eligible to receive a payment under the Settlement Agreement. You can submit your Claims Form online at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com, or you can download, complete and mail your Claims Form to the Claims Administrator at AFFF Public Water System Claims, PO Box 4466, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. The deadline for a Phase One Settlement Class Member to submit a Phase One Public Water System Claims Form is 60 days following the Effective Date, and the deadline for a Phase Two Settlement Class Member to submit a Phase Two Public Water System Claims Form is June 30, 2026.

Regardless of whether you file a Claims Form or receive any distribution under the Settlement, unless you timely opt out as described below, you will be bound by any judgment or other final disposition of the Settlement, including the Release set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and will be precluded from pursuing claims against the Settling Defendants separately if those Claims are within the scope of the Release.

YOU CAN OPT OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT. If you do not wish to be a Settlement Class Member, and do not want to participate in the Settlement and receive a Settlement Benefit Check, you may exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by completing and mailing a notice of intention to opt-out (referred to as an "Opt-Out"). Any Person within the Settlement Class who wishes to opt out of the Settlement Class and Settlement must file a written and signed statement entitled "Request for Exclusion" with the Notice Administrator and provide service on all Parties in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.

To be treated as valid, the Request for Exclusion must be sent via certified or first- class mail to the Notice Administrator, Counsel for the Settling Defendants, and Class Counsel at the addresses below.

#### **Counsel for the Settling Defendants:**

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#### **Class Counsel:**

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#### Notice Administrator:

In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation c/o Notice Administrator 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210 Philadelphia, PA 19103

The Request for Exclusion must be received by the Notice Administrator no later than December 4, 2023.

The Request for Exclusion must certify, under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the filer has been legally authorized to exclude the Person from the Settlement and must provide:

- an affidavit or other proof of the Settlement Class Member's standing;
- the filer's name, address, telephone, facsimile number and email address (if available);
- the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the Person whose exclusion is requested; and

The Request for Exclusion must be received by the Notice Administrator no later than December 4, 2023.

Any Person that submits a timely and valid Request for Exclusion shall not (i) be bound by any orders or judgments effecting the Settlement; (ii) be entitled to any of the relief or other benefits provided under this Settlement Agreement; (iii) gain any rights by virtue of this Settlement Agreement; or (iv) be entitled to submit an Objection.

If you own or operate more than one Public Water System and are authorized to determine whether to submit Requests for Exclusion on those Public Water Systems' behalf, you may submit a Request for Exclusion on behalf of some of those Public Water Systems but not the other(s). You must submit a Request for an Exclusion on behalf of each such Public Water System that you wish to opt out of the Settlement Class. Any Public Water System that is not specifically identified in a Request for Exclusion will remain in the Settlement Class.

Any Settlement Class Member that does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion submits to the jurisdiction of the Court and, unless the Settlement Class Member submits an Objection that complies with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, shall waive and forfeit any and all objections the Settlement Class Member may have asserted.

YOU CAN OBJECT OR TAKE OTHER ACTIONS. Any Settlement Class Member who has not successfully excluded itself ("opted out") may object to the Settlement. Any Settlement Class Member who wishes to object to the Settlement or to an award of fees or expenses to Class Counsel must file a written and signed statement designated "Objection" with the Clerk of the Court and provide service on Counsel for the Settling Defendants and Class Counsel at the addresses below in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5. Objections submitted by any Settlement Class Member to incorrect locations shall not be valid.

Clerk, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina 85 Broad Street Charleston, SC 29401

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All Objections must certify, under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the filer has been legally authorized to object on behalf of the Settlement Class Member and must provide:

- an affidavit or other proof of the Settlement Class Member's standing;
- the filer's name, address, telephone, facsimile number and email address (if available);
- the name, address, telephone, facsimile number and email address (if available) of the Person whose Objection is submitted;
- all objections asserted by the Settlement Class Member and the specific reason(s) for each objection, including all legal support and evidence the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention;
- an indication as to whether the Settlement Class Member wishes to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing; and
- the identity of all witnesses the Settlement Class Member may call to testify. The deadline to submit an Objection is November 4, 2023.

Settlement Class Members may object either on their own or through any attorney hired at their own expense. If a Settlement Class Member is represented by counsel, the attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Clerk of Court no later than <u>November 4, 2023</u>, the date ordered by the Court for the filing of Objections, and serve such notice on all Parties in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 within the same time period.

Any Settlement Class Member who fully complies with the provisions for objecting may, at the Court's discretion, appear at the Final Fairness Hearing to object to the Settlement or to the award of fees and costs to Class Counsel. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to comply with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement for objecting shall waive and forfeit any and all objections the Settlement Class Member may have asserted.

#### IX. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING?

Before deciding whether to grant final approval to the Settlement, the Court will hold the Final Fairness Hearing in Hon. Sol Blatt, Jr., Courtroom of the U.S. Courthouse, 85 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, on <u>December 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. EST</u>. At that time, the Court will determine, among other things, (i) whether the Settlement should be granted final approval as fair, reasonable, and adequate, (ii) whether the Released Claims should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, (iii) whether the Settlement Class should be conclusively certified, (iv) whether Settlement Class Members should be bound by the Release set forth in the Settlement Agreement, (v) the amount of attorneys' fees and costs to be awarded to Class Counsel, if any, and (vi) the amount of the award to be made to the Class Representatives for their services, if any. The Final Fairness Hearing may be postponed, adjourned, or continued by Order of the Court without further notice to the Class.

# X. HOW CAN YOU GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTION, THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, OR THE NOTICE?

The descriptions of the Action, the Settlement, and the Settlement Agreement in this Notice are only a general summary. In the event of a conflict between this Notice and the Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Settlement Agreement control. All papers filed in this case, including the full Settlement Agreement, are available for you to inspect and copy (at your cost) at the office of the Clerk of Court, the Settlement website, or online through PACER. A copy of the Settlement Agreement may also be obtained from Class Counsel by contacting them at the addresses or telephone numbers set forth above. Any questions concerning this Notice, the Settlement Agreement, or the Settlement may be directed to Class Counsel. You may also seek the advice and counsel of your own attorney, at your own expense, if you desire.

#### DO NOT WRITE OR TELEPHONE THE COURT, THE CLERK'S OFFICE, OR DEFENDANT WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, THE SETTLEMENT, OR THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

#### XI. WHAT ARE THE ADDRESSES YOU MAY NEED?

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#### If to the Class Representatives, Class Counsel, or Settlement Class Members:

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In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation c/o Notice Administrator 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210 Philadelphia, PA 19103

If to the Claims Administrator:

AFFF Public Water System Claims PO Box 4466 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

#### XII. WHAT YOU MUST INCLUDE IN ANY DOCUMENT YOU SEND REGARDING THE ACTION.

In sending any document to the Notice Administrator, Claims Administrator, the Court, Class Counsel, or Settling Defendants' Counsel, you must include the following case name and identifying number on any documents and on the outside of the envelope:

In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18- mn-2873 (D.S.C.), this document relates to: City of Camden, et al., v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, et al., No. 2:23-cv-03230-RMG.

You must also include your full name, address, email address, and a telephone number where you can be reached.

#### XIII. WHAT IMPORTANT DEADLINES YOU NEED TO KNOW.

Deadline Description	Deadline Date
Deadline to submit Objections	11/4/2023
Deadline to submit Requests for Exclusion	12/4/2023
Court's Final Fairness Hearing	12/14/2023 at 10:00 AM EST
Phase One Public Water System Claims Form	60 Days after the Effective Date
Phase One Special Needs Claims Form	45 Days after the Phase One Public Water System Claims Form Deadline
Phase Two Testing Claims Form	1/1/2026
Phase Two Public Water System Claims Form	6/30/2026
Phase Two Special Needs Claims Form	8/1/2026
Phase One Supplemental Fund Claims Form	12/31/2030
Phase Two Supplemental Fund Claims Form	12/31/2030

# **NOTICE OF DUPONT CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

# IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAMS PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION

United States District Court, District of South Carolina – Charleston Division MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873 Case No. 2:23-cv-03230

PLEASE NOTE, the enclosed correspondence relates to the Settlement with The Chemours Company, The Chemours Company FC, LLC, DuPont de Nemours, Inc., Corteva, Inc., and E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company n/k/a EIDP, Inc. (each a "Settling Defendant").

# YOU MAY RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS WITH OR JUDGMENTS INVOLVING OTHER DEFENDANT(S).

Please be aware that documents associated with one Settling Defendant may appear similar to documents associated with another Settling Defendant. However, <u>each Settlement has its own specific terms and conditions</u>, and each set of documents should be carefully reviewed with this in mind. Please visit www.PFASWaterSettlement.com for more information and to review settlement-related documents.

# SETTLEMENT WEBSITE FOR FILING YOUR CLAIM FOR SETTLEMENT PAYMENT

# WWW.PFASWATERSETTLEMENT.COM

# NOTICE ID: HQC-284194





# MEMO

Date:December 14, 2023To:Village Council, Jeff Campbell, Village ManagerFrom:Neil Johnston, Director Public ServicesSubject:Vialytics Software Presentation

Administration has researched cost-effective options to evaluate and track village road and pathway infrastructure. Vialytics provides a cloud-based software solution, with AI technology that completes surface surveys in real time and generates its findings to mapping software that tracks data and can provide work orders based on the defects that are found.

With their software Beverly hills would have accurate, up to date, information on roads, sidewalks, traffic signs, manhole structures, and greenspaces giving use the ability to prioritize maintenance and repair defects before they become a major issue.

Work performed, such as snow plowing, pothole patching, structure adjustments, and sign repair, can be delegated, geolocated, timestamped, and documented with video proof.

The system is very versatile and can be mounted on a vehicle, tractor, cart, or bike to complete area surveys.

We believe this tool will be very helpful in completing day to day tasks and long-term planning in the Public Services Department. The tool is being utilized by similarly sized communities throughout the United States. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.vialytics.com</u>.

A representative from Vialytics will attend the meeting to present the program to the Council and residents. The cost of this application and similar applications will be discussed at the meeting.

Thank you,

Neil Johnston, Director of Public Services Jeffrey Campbell, Village Manager



То:	Honorable President George; Village Council Members
From:	Kristin Rutkowski, Village Clerk/Assistant Village Manager
Subject:	Village Manager Compensation
Date:	December 15, 2023

This item is on the agenda for Council's review and consideration to increase the Village Manager's annual salary by 4%, retroactive to the one-year anniversary of his hire date. Administrative staff receives a salary increase at the beginning of each fiscal year, but the manager did not.

#### **Suggested Resolution:**

Be it resolved that the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes a 4% increase to the Village Manager's annual compensation retroactive to the one year anniversary of his hire date of May 9, 2022. Funds are available in Account 101-171-702.00.



To:Honorable President George; Village Council MembersFrom:Jeff Campbell, Village ManagerSubject:Manager's ReportDate:December 15, 2023

#### **Holiday Closures and Trash Pickup**

#### Village Hall Holiday Hours

In observance of the holidays, Village Hall will be closed on December 22, 2023 and December 29, 2023. Village Hall will be open on December 26, 2023 and January 2, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be a regular Village Council meeting occurring on January 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Trash pickup

Because Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Monday, trash pickup will be delayed by a day. All trash and recycling that would normally be picked up at houses east of Evergreen Road on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, will be picked up on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. All houses West of Evergreen will have their trash picked up on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. All trash and recycling that would normally be picked up at houses east of Evergreen Road on Monday, January 1st, will be picked up on Tuesday, January 2nd. All houses West of Evergreen will have their trash picked up on Wednesday, January 3rd.

#### **Holiday Cardboard Collection**

This year, along with many other SOCRRA communities, the Village of Beverly Hills will be participating in holiday cardboard collection. Starting next week, a waste receptacle/dumpster will be placed near the Village Hall parking lot by our contractor, Car Trucking, that will allow residents to place extra cardboard from packages in the dumpster. <u>The dumpster will be for cardboard only</u>, and there will be a sign indicating that on the receptacle. The dumpster will be removed the week of January 1<sup>st</sup>. We request that residents break down the boxes before placing them in the receptacle.

Many other SOCRRA communities such as Troy, Huntington Woods, Clawson, and others participate in this program. There is no additional cost to the Village for our participation in this program.

#### **Christmas Tree Chipping**

Comeau will be chipping Christmas trees the weeks of January 1 and January 8, 2024. Please remove all decorations and plastic bags and place trees at the curb to be chipped. If residents fail to put their Christmas trees out by the week of January 8, 2024, the Village will allow you to drop your tree off at Village Hall until January 27, 2024. Residents will be able drop their trees off in a designated and signed area in the Village Hall parking lot.

#### **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund**

On December 13, 2023, the Village Clerk, Ms. Rutkowski, attended the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board meeting. The Village had two Development Grant applications before the Board. In summary, the applications requested funds to make improvements at Beverly Green and Riverside Park. The MNRTF did not award any grant funding to the Village this year. The Board awarded approximately \$32 million out of about \$51 million requested. There were 99 development applications and 24 acquisition applications submitted. We do have the opportunity to revise and resubmit our applications in the future.

#### Update on Water Service Line Verification Project

Per State requirements, the Village of Beverly Hills is required to provide the State with an updated inventory of all water service line (WSL) pipe materials to verify if the pipe is lead, copper, or another material for the purpose of ensuring said water quality and safety. For the last year, we have been working diligently with amazing cooperation from residents to complete this inventory. The Village has <u>three</u> (3) remaining homes to inspect to complete its inventory. Last week, EGLE informed water providers throughout the State that the inventory is now due on October 16, 2024 instead of January 1, 2025. Thanks to residents and quick action by Council, the inventory will be completed well in advance of EGLE's revised deadline.

#### **Departmental Quarterly Reports**

At the second Council meeting of every month, certain departments will submit quarterly reports, updating Council and the residents on what is going on each department. Below is the 2024 schedule for when Council will receive the quarterly reports:

Finance/Treasury and Code Enforcement – January, April, July, and October Planning, Building, Economic Development and Parks - February, May, August, and November Public Services and Water - March, June, September, and December

#### TO VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO! HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON! – The Village Administrative Staff

# Beverly Hills Public Safety Activity Report

# Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

The Public Safety Department has changed vendors for crime mapping, CrimeDar went out of business. If you are interested in crime mapping the Village go to <u>CLEMIS Public Crime Search</u> (arcgis.com). You have 6 months of data loaded and showing a crime as recent as yesterday. As a reminder, there is a dem video and user guide for Public Rime Search on CLEMIS Links page: Clemis.

Public Safety Departments wants to say thanks to all the citizens who have brought in food and gifts for the Officers.

**PSO Logan Malvich** will be graduating from the Mott Community College police academy Dec. 21, 2023, please welcome him to the Village.

# CALLS FOR SERVICE

- 338 Calls for Service.
- 64 Tickets issued.
- 10 Arrests.
- Radar detail at Embassy and 13 Mile.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Alarm on Eastlady.
- Alarm on Riverview.
- Traffic Enforcement at Embassy and 13 Mile.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Alarm on Riverview.
- Officers were dispatched to Ann Arbor PD to pick up a subject with a felony warrant. The arrest was without incident.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Civil Matter on Norwood.
- Odor Investigation on Buckingham.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.

- Traffic Accident at 13 Mile and Lahser.
- Alarm on Southfield.
- Medical at Mission Point.
- Extra Patrol at Market Fresh.
- Parking Complaint on Robinhood.
- Crime Prevention at the Beverly Hills Academy.
- Radar Detail at Evergreen and 13 Mile.
- Extra Patrol at the Medical Village.
- Medical on Verona.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Crime Prevention at the Beverly Hills Academy.
- Fire Alarm on Metamora.
- Traffic Enforcement at Beverly and Bates.
- Traffic Enforcement at 14 Mile and Pierce.
- Suspicious Circumstances on Arlington.
- Crime Prevention at Groves High School.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Radar Detail at Lahser and Hampton.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Greenfield.
- Traffic Enforcement at Evergreen and Waltham.
- Traffic Enforcement at Beverly and Southfield.
- Extra Patrol around Sheridan and Wetherby.
- Extra Patrol around Inglewood and Warwick.
- Extra Patrol in Huntley Square Apartments.
- Extra Patrol around Norchester and Warwick.
- Beverly Park opened for the day.
- Extra Patrol around Arlington and Madison.
- Reckless Driving reported on Southfield and 13 Mile.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Public Relations at Berkley Parade.
- Animal Complaint at 14 Mile and Pierce.
- Assisted Southfield PD with Suspicious Circumstances at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Lahser.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly Hills Academy.
- Radar Detail at Lahser and 13 Mile.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Welfare Check on Lincolnshire.
- Extra Patrol in the Huntley Square Apartments.
- Extra Patrol around Beverly and Bates.
- Suspicious Circumstances at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Assisted Franklin-Bingham PD on suspicious Circumstances at 13 Mile and Telegraph.

- Officers stopped a driver for a minor traffic violation at 13 Mile and Southfield. The driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and taken into custody without incident.
- Beverly Park opened for the day.
- Extra Patrol in Beverly Park.
- Vehicle stolen from Pickwick and recovered in Detroit on the same day.
- Suspicious Person observed on camera trying to get into parked cars on Walmer.
- Suspicious Circumstances on Riverview.
- Medical on Warwick.
- Alarm on Village Pines.
- Suspicious Vehicles on Dunblaine.
- Medical at Mission Point.
- Fire Truck Checks at the station.
- Traffic Accident at Kirkshire and Southfield.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Extra Patrol around 13 Mile and Churchill.
- Extra Patrol around the Beverage Warehouse.
- Medical on Riverside.
- Extra Patrol around Pickwick and Chelton.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Extra Patrol around Chelton and 13 Mile.
- Extra Patrol in Huntley Square Apartments.
- Suspicious Vehicles in the Corners Shopping Mall.
- Officers were dispatched to pick up a subject with a felony warrant from the Lenawee County Jail. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Traffic Enforcement at Embassy and 13 Mile.
- Crime Prevention at Queen of Martyrs.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Alarm on Lahser.
- Extra Patrol around Arlington and Beverly.
- Radar Detail on Southfield and 13 Mile.
- Traffic Enforcement at Evergreen and 13 Mile.
- Motor Carrier Stop at 13 Mile and Greenfield.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.

- Medical at Greenfield School.
- Parking Complaint on Lahser.
- Radar Detail at Evergreen and 13 Mile.
- Officers stopped a driver for a traffic violation at 13 Mile and Southfield. The driver was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and taken into custody without incident.
- Traffic Enforcement at Embassy and 13 Mile.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Citizen Assist on Belmont Court.
- Medical on Southfield.
- Animal Complaint on Lahser.
- Officers were dispatched to check on three Suspicious Persons on Kirkshire. Officers arrested one of the subjects for a felony warrant out of Clinton PD. The arrest was without incident.
- Reckless Driving reported at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Extra Patrol around Amherst and Greenfield.
- Extra Patrol around Beverly and Norchester.
- Traffic Enforcement at 14 Mile and Lahser.
- Officer stopped a driver for a minor traffic violation at Lahser and Hillview. The driver was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and warrants. The driver was taken into custody without incident.
- Extra Patrol around Amherst.
- Extra Patrol around Bates and Buckingham.
- Crime Prevention at Groves High School.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Prisoner Transport from the 46<sup>th</sup> District Court.
- Radar Detail at Lahser and Hillview.
- Animal Complaint on Lahser.
- Extra Patrol at Market Fresh.
- Medical on Westlady.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Traffic Accident at Groves High School.
- Medical on Normandale.
- Radar Detail on 14 Mile and Pierce.
- Extra Patrol at the Beverly Hills Club.
- Traffic Enforcement at Beverly and Norchester.
- Radar Detail at 13 Mile and Rutland.
- Radar Detail at 14 Mile and Eastlady.

- Suspicious Persons at 13 Mile and Evergreen.
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm on Kirkshire.
- Extra Patrol around Riverside and Inglewood.
- Traffic Enforcement at 14 Mile and Pierce.
- Extra Patrol around Amherst.
- Extra Patrol in Huntley Square Apartments.
- Extra Patrol around Riverside and Warwick.
- Extra Patrol around Wilshire and Sunset.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Greenfield.
- Extra Patrol around Pierce and Elizabeth.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Lahser.
- Medical on Devonshire.
- Assisted Southfield PD with a missing person at 13 Mile and Fairfax.
- Public Relations at Groves High School.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Extra Patrol in Beverly Park.
- Radar Detail at Southfield and Beverly.
- Prisoner Transport to the 46<sup>th</sup> District Court.
- Reckless Driving reported on Greenfield.
- Extra Patrol at the Medical Village.
- Extra Patrol at Market Fresh.
- Medical on Kennoway.
- Radar Detail on Beverly and Norchester.
- Radar Detail at 14 Mile and Eastlady.
- Traffic Enforcement at Beverly and Pierce.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Radar Detail at 13 Mile and Rutland.
- Extra Patrol around Balmoral and Saxon.
- Suspicious Circumstances on Inglewood.
- Extra Patrol around Lincolnshire and Georgetown.
- Medical at Southfield and 13 Mile.
- Traffic report at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Extra Patrol around Pickwick and Walmer.
- Extra Patrol around Sunset wan Wilshire.
- Extra Patrol around Ronsdale and Evergreen.
- Extra Patrol around Smallwood and Plumwood.
- Suspicious Circumstances on Westlady.
- Extra Patrol around Sleepy Hollow and Camelot.
- Extra Patrol around Dundee and Nottingham.
- Suspicious Circumstances around Stafford.
- Extra Patrol in Huntley Square Apartments.

- Extra Patrol requested on Amherst.
- Traffic Enforcement at Beverly and Greenfield.
- Extra Patrol around Southview and Nixon.
- Suspicious Circumstances at the Corners Shopping Mall.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Traffic Enforcement at Evergreen and 13 Mile.
- Radar Detail at Southfield and 13 Mile.
- Animal Complaint on Sheridan.
- Suspicious Person at Groves High School.
- Traffic Accident on Beverly.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Suspicious Circumstances at Berkshire.
- Medical on Lincolnshire.
- Medical at Mission Point.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Evergreen.
- Extra Patrol around Chelton and Downing.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Extra Patrol around Bates and Birwood.
- Extra Patrol around Churchill and Walmer.
- Traffic Enforcement on Southfield.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Embassy.
- Suspicious Persons on Tremont Lane.
- Extra Patrol requested on Amherst.
- Extra Patrol in the Huntley Square Apartments.
- Traffic Enforcement at 14 Mile and Lahser.
- Beverly Park opened for the day.
- Radar Detail at Embassy and 13 Mile.
- Suspicious Circumstances on Embassy.
- Traffic Enforcement at 14 Mile and Bellvine Trail.
- Extra Patrol around Hampton and Bellvine Trail.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Traffic Enforcement at Evergreen and 13 Mile.
- Alarm on Wendbrook.
- Medical at Mission Point.
- Lift Assist on Auburn.
- Crime Prevention at Nottingham and Archers Lane.
- Beverly Park closed for the day.
- Juvenile Complaint on Crossbow.
- Alarm on Hill Crest.
- Assisted Birmingham PD with transporting a suspect.

- Assisted Birmingham PD with a fight on Old Woodward.
- Peace Officer Standby on Rutland.
- Officers were called to Huntley Square Apartments for a Domestic Altercation. One suspect was arrested and taken into custody without incident.
- Alarm at Mission Point.
- Medical at Mission Point.
- Beverly Park opened for the day.
- Fire Truck Checks at the station.
- Extra Patrol requested on Hillview.
- Traffic Enforcement at Southfield and 13 Mile.
- Medical in Huntley Square Apartments.
- Extra Patrol around Evergreen and Waltham.
- Extra Patrol around Mayfair and Nixon.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Traffic Enforcement at Beverly and Pierce.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Alarm on Marlin Court.
- Officers stopped a driver for a minor traffic incident at Evergreen and Plantation. The driver was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and Warrants. The driver was taken into custody without incident.
- Extra Patrol in Huntley Square Apartments.
- Extra Patrol around Norchester and Warwick.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Informational Report at the front desk.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Medical on Lauderdale.
- Extra Patrol in Beverly Park.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly Hills Academy.
- Traffic Accident at Southfield and 13 Mile.
- Extra Patrol at Market Fresh.
- Suspicious Persons at Mission Point.
- Traffic Accident on Dunblaine.
- Criem Prevention at Greenfield Academy.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Medical on Kennoway.
- Traffic Accident on Southfield and 13 Mile.
- Medical on Buckingham.
- Suspicious Person on Buckingham.
- Suspicious Person on Orchard Way.
- Radar Detail at 14 Mile and Bellvine Trail.

- Extra Patrol around Churchill and 13 Mile.
- Extra Patrol around 14 Mile and Edgewood.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Extra Patrol at Beverly Park.
- Radar Detail at Southfield and Locherbie.
- Extra Patrol around Saxon and Beaconsfield.
- Extra Patrol requested at the Corners Shopping Mall.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Greenfield.
- Radar Detail at Lahser and Hampton.
- Traffic Enforcement at Beverly and Greenfield.
- Suspicious Persons at Beverly Park.
- Assisted Southfield PD with a Fraud in progress at the CVS at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Extra Patrol around Bellvine and Smallwood.
- Officers located a suspicious subject around KFC after hours. The subject was arrested on a warrant and turned over to Lathrup PD without incident.
- Extra Patrol around Fairfax and Amherst.
- Suspicious Circumstances at Huntley Square Apartments.
- Extra Patrol around Vernon and Woodhaven.
- Radar Detail at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Extra Patrol around Stafford and Lahser.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Gun Permit issued at the front desk.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Crime Prevention at Groves High School.
- Medical on Madoline.
- Extra Patrol at Beverly Park.
- Medical on 13 Mile.
- Assist Motorist at 13 Mile and Churchill.
- Extra Patrol around Eastlady and Smallwood.
- Medical in Huntley Square Apartments.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Traffic Accident at 13 Mile and Evergreen.
- Traffic Accident at 13 Mile and Lahser.
- Extra Patrol at 14 Mile and Pierce.
- Medical at Mission Point.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Radar Detail at 13 Mile and Embassy.
- Radar Detail at 14 Mile and Eastlady.
- Radar Detail at Rutland and 13 Mile.
- Extra Patrol around Madison and Dunblaine.

- Extra Patrol around Beaconsfield and Bedford.
- Officers were dispatched to pick up a subject from Farmington Hills PD on a warrant. The arrest was without incident.
- Suspicious Person on Vernon.
- Extra Patrol in Huntley Square Apartments.
- Extra Patrol around Mayfair and Southview.
- Extra Patrol around Kirkshire and Bates.
- Traffic Enforcement at Embassy and 13 Mile.
- Crime Prevention at Berkshire School.
- Public Relations at Beverly Hills Academy.
- Extra Patrol requested on Devonshire.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Crime Prevention at Beverly School.
- Suspicious Circumstances at Berkshire School.
- Traffic Enforcement at Lahser and 14 Mile.
- Found Property at Groves High School.
- Medical at Mission Point.
- Traffic reported made at 13 Mile and Southfield.
- Medical on Marimoor.
- Medical at Huntley Square Apartments.
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm on Mckenzie Court.
- Suspicious Persons on Southfield and Gould.
- Radar Detail at Stafford and Lahser.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield School.
- Traffic Enforcement at Evergreen and 13 Mile.
- Traffic Accident at Lahser and 13 Mile.
- Mental Health call on Amherst.
- Public Relations at Royal Oak Beaumont.
- Beverly Park closed for the night.
- Traffic Enforcement at 14 Mile and Bellvine Trail.
- Animal Complaint at Dunblaine and Southfield.
- Extra Patrol on 13 Mile and Rutland.
- Traffic Enforcement at 13 Mile and Evergreen.
- Crime Prevention at Greenfield and Amherst.
- Radar Detail at Southfield and Gould Court.

## Fire and Emergency Medical Services

- 32 EMS Calls.
- 1 Lift Assist.
- 1 Smoke Investigation.
- 5 Fire Alarms.
- 2 Weekly Apparatus Checks.

- Supervise Midnight Platoons 3 and 4.
- NFIRS data uploaded to FEMA.
- 29 Hours Fire Training Completed.
- 37 Hours EMS Training Completed.
- Attend Michigan Fire Service Instructors Conference.
- Attend Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council.
- 2024-2-63-Q37E-0159 OCC Recon RIT Course Close Out.
- Oakland CTC FY2024 Fireworks Funds Formula Allocation Administration.
- Attend and Chair Oakland County Training Committee Meeting.
- 2024-2-63-H07C-0217 NFPA 1041 Instructor I Course administration and prep.

# **Detective Bureau and School Liaison**

- Swat search warrant.
- Berkshire Threat Investigation.
- Groves HS Threat investigation.
- Berkshire Threat investigation.
- Senior Seminar @ Groves HS.
- harassment suspect interview.
- Online Fire Training Suppression Systems.
- Online Fire Training Opioid Exposure.
- Walk In Arraignment Forgery.
- Site survey @ Beverly Hills Academy.
- Property Report @ Groves HS.
- Carehouse for CSC victim.
- Meet and Greet @ OCPO.
- Groves HS lunch detail Monday-Friday.
- Taser recertification.
- In custody arraignment U&P.
- fire training opioid exposure.
- taser recertification for platoons 2 and 4.
- community outreach training.
- court innovations.
- prisoner transport.
- online training fire detection protection and suppression.
- serve subpoena for possession of meth.
- traffic conference.
- In custody DV case.

- Prisoner Transport- In custody arraignment DWLS-FTA.
- In custody U&P.
- Line up counterfeit case.
- Warrant request sent to OCPO for counterfeit case.
- Warrant request sent to OCPO for uttering & publishing.
- Attended OCPO meet and greet.
- Served subpoena to witness for court appearance.
- Suppression systems training.
- Opioid exposure training.
- Expungements for Michigan Clean Slate Legislation.
- Entered fire training into CLEMIS.

## Stay safe on the roads during winter holidays

Impaired-driving enforcement campaign encourages sober driving

Before and during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, law enforcement officials throughout Michigan are participating in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. To protect lives, there will be increased patrols on roads from December 15, 2023, to January 1, 2024, with zero tolerance for those who drive impaired.

Throughout 2022 in Michigan, there were 9,331 alcoholinvolved crashes with 322 fatalities, and 2,452 drug-involved crashes with 249 fatalities statewide, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

That is why, over the 2023 winter holidays, the Michigan State Police, county sheriff offices and municipal police agencies across Michigan are encouraging motorists to celebrate safely and make smart driving decisions. During the nearly threeweek period, there will be increased enforcement and messaging about the dangers of driving impaired.

"Driving impaired is deadly and illegal. Getting behind the wheel of a vehicle after you've been drinking or using drugs endangers you, your passengers and everyone else on the road," said Katie Bower, Director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). "The aim of the enforcement campaign is to drastically reduce deaths and serious injuries caused by impaired driving. "We want all Michiganders to have a great time with friends and family over the holidays, but to keep everyone safe, we are also urging people to be responsible, make smart choices and plan for a sober ride home."

From 2018 to 2022, during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, 66 people were killed in traffic crashes in Michigan, including 17 people who died in alcohol-involved crashes. Officers will be on the lookout for motorists under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol throughout the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement period. In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer thinks they are impaired.

To increase awareness and encourage safe and sober driving, the OHSP is funding a statewide media campaign about the dangers of impaired driving. Also, December has been recognized as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month to remember those who lost their lives due to impaired driving and remind people that helping prevent impaired driving deaths and injuries is every driver's responsibility

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is supported with federal traffic safety funds provided by the United States Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and coordinated

## Michigan installing flashing red signs to reduce wrong-way driving

Kim DeGiulio, Reporter 12.4.23

The Michigan Department of Transportation will be installing flashing red signs on the west side of the state to help reduce wrong-way driving.

Wrong-way driving has been an increasing problem here in Michigan. Michigan State Police reported that there were nearly 6,300 wrong-way crashes in Michigan in 2022 -- an 8% increase from 2021, which saw just over 5,800 wrong-way crashes across the state.

In an effort to prevent drivers from traveling on the wrong side of the road, MDOT is partnering with MSP to roll out a new program in western Michigan.

Under the program, MDOT will be installing "wrong way" signs that flash red when a vehicle is traveling past them in the wrong direction. The signs will look like regular "wrong way" signs but will include a detection system that triggers flashing bright red lights when a vehicle approaches. See footage of the signs in the video below.

The signs will be installed on roadways and freeway exit and entrance ramps. Officials say the signs are expected to be helpful to all drivers, including those under the influence.

This will be very helpful to drivers, even if they are under the influence of some kind ... to steer in the right direction," said John Richards with MDOT in Grand Rapids. "The No. 1 safety feature in any vehicle is always the driver, so driver responsibility is crucial at all times."

Cameras will also be set up in the same west Michigan areas that will help alert police to wrong-way drivers.

So far, the detection systems will only be installed in western Michigan in the Grand Rapids area, where a grant was received to cover the program's costs. A representative from MDOT told Local 4 that funding would need to become available to bring the program to Metro Detroit.

https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/michigan/2023/12/04/mi chigan-installing-flashing-red-signs-to-reduce-wrong-waydriving/



A publication of the Road Commission for Oakland County for public officials serving Oakland County **WWW.rcocweb.org** US DOT helps kick off RCOC's groundbreaking project to deploy lifesaving vehicle technology in Oakland County

Thanks to a U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) grant, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is spearheading a transformative project to deploy and operate advanced vehicle technology in Oakland County. The project, entitled "Leading in Sustainable Safety with Technology," aims to build a model for the deployment of safety-critical communication technology.

Deputy Assistant US Secretary of Transportation and Chief U.S. DOT Scientist Robert Hampshire, PhD, helped kick off the project at a press conference at RCOC's state-of-the-art Traffic Operations Center in Waterford Twp. on Oct. 25.

The project will study the best ways to deploy this technology which enables communication between vehicles, infrastructure and even pedestrians. Vehicles can share safety-critical information with each other, traffic signals and mobile



RCOC Chair Andrea LaLonde, left with Deputy Assistant U.S. Secretary of Transportation Robert Hampshire, kicked off the Oct. 25 press conference to announce the project start. Above center, Hampshire announces the federal grant to fund the project. Above right, RCOC Deputy Managing Director Gary Piotrowicz explains the benefits of the project.

devices, enhancing safety and efficiency on the road.

For example, the technology would allow cars to alert drivers of sudden stops or pedestrians crossing the street ahead, .helping prevent crashes, or enable emergency vehicles to coordinate with traffic signals for faster response times and safe passage through intersections.

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# Southeast Michigan's first wetlands-mitigation bank will speed the road-improvement process

The Road Commission for Oakland County in October joined the County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) and the Michigan Wetland Board (MiWB) to unveil the first-ever wetlands-mitigation bank in southeast Michigan for public transportation agencies, paving the way for faster delivery of road improvement projects at a reduced cost.

The state-funded 15-acre Oakwood Mitigation Bank in Oakland County's Brandon Township provides road agencies no-cost "credits" for replacing wetlands lost due to road-improvement projects such as road or shoulder widening for safety. Buying wetlands from a commercial wetland bank can cost up to \$130,000 per acre – which takes money away from the actual road project.

Under state law, wetland disturbances



The new wetlands-mitigation bank in Brandon Township.

caused by road projects must be mitigated with created wetlands to maintain ecological balance throughout the environment. A road agency must mitigate a wetland in its watershed if the project will impact one-third acre or more. If the project **CONT'D ON PAGE 3 - SEE** *BANK* 

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# Memorial walk honors Springfield Township resident, reminds motorists of pedestrian-safety concerns

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) joined several other governmental organizations in supporting a Sept. 30 memorial walk in Springfield Township that honored the memory of township resident Margaret Tippen who was killed in 2022 while walking along a road in the township. The walk also helped draw attention to pedestrian-safety concerns.

"The purpose of the memorial walk," explained Springfield Township Supervisor Laura Moreau, "was not to raise funds, but to raise awareness. Our aim was to educate citizens on how to safely share the road. We also hope that some attention to this issue might get motorists to drive more cautiously."

"We strongly support this effort," stated RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar. "Safety is our number-one concern, and we will support efforts that raise awareness of pedestrian safety. We don't want to see any more pedestrian deaths on our roads."

Tippen was killed while taking her daily walk along Kier Road in the township. The idea for the walk arose when Tippen's daughter, Erin Hoffman, of Independence Township, contacted Supervisor Moreau to discuss what could be done as a community to raise awareness for pedestrian safety.

In her initial e-mail to Supervisor Moreau, Hoffman noted that, "The gravel roads in both Independence and Springfield townships are not farmlands with two families every mile. They truly are neighborhoods, where many families walk and bike."

Moreau noted the Springfield Township Board of Trustees agreed with Hoffman. "The Board is greatly concerned about safety on our rural roads," she stated. "In the absence of sidewalks, residents use gravel roads for walking, running, dog walking and bicycling. Many of these roads are narrow and have curves and hills."

Moreau also cited the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEM-COG) reports that documented changes in motorists' trends during the COVID pandemic, with speeds increasing, leading to more crashes on many roads. Representatives of SEMCOG attended the memorial walk to promote the organization's Walk.Bike.Drive.Safe campaign and to distribute safety lights and informational materials to participants.

Several RCOC representatives also participated in the event. Others support-



Walkers prepare for the start of the Tippen walk.

ing the event included the Springfield Township Fire Department and the Springfield Township Substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

#### RCOC Strategic Planning report coming out soon

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Strategic Planning Report, which summarizes the agency's recently completed Strategic Planning meetings with nearly all Oakland County communities, will be published soon. Stay tune for details.

# of safety-critical communication technology.

- Demonstrate a prototype of a technology framework that seamlessly integrates with existing traffic-management and advanced transportation systems.
- Demonstrate and quantify the safety, mobility and sustainability benefits of safety-critical communication technology.
- Highlight the advantages of safety-critical communication technology for disadvantaged communities that are affected by traffic congestion.
- Establish partnerships and lay the groundwork for future project phases.

"The transportation industry needs to understand how to blend traditional road engineering with innovative technologies if we ultimately want to address our modern transportation challenges of safety, congestion, emissions and accessibility," stated Sean Kelley, senior vice president of The Mannik & Smith Group Inc., the lead transportation-engineering partner on the project.

The project will run for the next 12 months.

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The technology optimizes traffic flow by allowing vehicles to communicate with traffic-management systems, reducing crashes, congestion and environmental impacts.

"Transportation safety remains a pressing concern in the United States," noted RCOC Deputy Managing Director/County Highway Engineer Gary Piotrowicz, "with nearly 7 million traffic crashes and 43,000 traffic fatalities in 2021, the highest number in over a decade. Safety-critical communication technology on the roads and in vehicles holds the potential to mitigate these tragedies.

"This project represents a landmark step toward enhancing transportation safety and ensuring a brighter future for Oakland County," Piotrowicz added. "We believe in the power of innovation and are committed to leading the way in sustainable safety with this cutting-edge technology."

The adoption of this technology in the U.S. has faced challenges over the last decade but has been gaining momentum over the last year as the U.S. DOT has

committed to supporting it and prompting a call for collaboration between publicand private-sector leaders to accelerate adoption. RCOC, a trailblazer in intelligent transportation and advanced technology, has responded to this call with a forward-thinking vision.

"One of the biggest hurdles to overcome has been figuring out how transportation agencies are going to pay to deploy this technology," explained Erin Milligan, CEO of P3Mobility, the project delivery lead. "This project is going to explore innovative business models and funding sources that allow RCOC to deploy the technology without relying entirely on government funding."

The project is funded by a \$2 million U.S. DOT Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant. Key project objectives include: • Develop a comprehensive plan for

technical, business, financial, workforce-development and communityengagement aspects for the deployment

# It's that time of year: RCOC winter operations underway

With a couple of snowfalls already under its belt for the year, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is in full winter-operations mode: Its truck drivers have completed annual winter-maintenance review training and its mechanics spent much of the fall preparing wintermaintenance equipment, including trucks and plows, in anticipation of the arrival of winter weather.

As part of that process, RCOC is continuing to update its fleet of snowplows/salt trucks. As a safety feature, all new trucks are equipped with green lights that can be seen from a greater distance during winter maintenance.

The agency is prepared for whatever Mother Nature brings during the winter, though a milder winter is always appreciated. "Winter maintenance is one of our most critical functions for the safety of everyone," RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar said. "We always prepare for a worse-than-normal winter which includes



An RCOC plow truck equipped with a wing plow.

having plenty of road salt available."

RCOC Chair Andrea LaLonde noted the RCOC team is also constantly looking for best practices when it comes to maintaining roads during the winter months, such as the "wing plows" ordered with new trucks in recent years. "The wing plows extend from the right side of the truck and are retracted when not in use," LaLonde said.

"They increase the width of roadway plowed by a single truck, enabling trucks to plow a roadway lane and the shoulder at the same time, for example. Equipping many of our trucks with wing plows has improved our efficiency," she noted.

RCOC also has a winter-weather rapid-response plan that includes pickup trucks to get to isolated icing occurrences and other urgent situations more quickly as well as to get into subdivisions and clear crossovers/turnarounds on boulevards more quickly. Additionally, during or following heavy snow events, RCOC

uses non-road-maintenance staff to augment its pool of drivers and hires contractors to help in subdivisions and on back gravel roads in some instances.

Despite RCOC's efforts, LaLonde explained that motorists must still be vigilant when driving during or immediately after snow events. "Drive for the conditions. That will make a safer environment for everyone on the road," she explained. She also reminded motorists not to crowd the plow and give the plows "room to groom."

### RCOC honors drivers for overtime work during the winter of 2022-23

It's not easy to get up in the middle of the night and come in to work to drive a snowplow, potentially for multiple 16hour shifts, but that is what RCOC winter maintenance employees do over and over during the winter months.

To show its appreciation for these dedicated employees, each fall, RCOC holds an "overtime breakfast" to thank its many employees who came in between 90 and 100 percent of the time they were asked to work overtime to keep the roads clear during the last winter. This year's overtime breakfast took place on Oct. 27 and honored 49 employees.

"We really appreciate the work these men and women do to keep the roads

*BANK* — CONT'D FROM FRONT affects any wetland at all, but less than one-third acre, the agency can tap a mitigation site anywhere in Michigan.

"Establishing this mitigation bank in Oakland County is fantastic news for Michigan drivers and local road agencies because it means faster delivery of road projects, lower costs and improved green space," said Denise Donohue, CEO of CRA. "Southeast Michigan has many lakes and wetlands that are safe," Managing Director Dennis Kolar said. "We appreciate what they do and the time they spend away from their families," he added.

Those who worked 100 percent of the overtime requested received RCOC jackets. Those who worked 95 percent to 99 percent received PCOC bacdies whi



The RCOC snowplow drivers who worked 100 percent of the time they were asked to come in on overtime during the winter of 2022-23.

that created the program.

RCOC hoodies, while those who worked

impacted by roadwork. Having a samewatershed mitigation resource avoids time-consuming delays with big price tags. It's gratifying that these state-funded wetland sites facilitate roadwork more quickly. A true win-win-win for roads, wetlands and taxpayers."

The MiWB program uses state transportation funds to purchase, create and preserve wetland sites, which are then maintained by an endowment, usually to a local conservancy group. CRA was instrumental in advocating for the legislation and budget

90 percent to 94 percent received T-shirts.

"The mitigation bank is an immensely important way to balance the need to fix our roads with the responsibility to protect and sustain our environment," said Holly Vickers, MiWB wetland manager. "The new Oakland County bank will serve a huge swath of southeast Michigan, including 13 counties ranging from Calhoun County to the west and St. Clair County to the east, while protecting our environment." **ROAD COMMISSION** 

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## Concern is growing about the impact of EVs on road funding

There has been a lot of public discussion of electric vehicles (EVs) recently, including whether or not some auto manufacturers have been overly ambitious in their EV sales goals. From a road agency perspective, however, one thing is clear – EVs are having a negative impact on road funding.

That's because, obviously, they don't use gasoline, meaning their owners

are not paying gas tax. Yes, they do pay a slightly higher Michigan vehicle-registration fee, but that does not come close to replacing the revenue they would contribute to the road system if they were paying the gas tax.

In fact, the County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) has calculated that Michigan lost about \$50 million in road funding between 2019 and 2021 due to traditional combustion-engine vehicles being replaced by electric vehicles.

Because the EV fleet has only grown since 2021, the state has likely lost more than another \$50 million in road funding between 2021 and 2023 due to the EVs on the road. That number will certainly continue to grow in coming years as the number of EVs on the roads grows exponentially.

This situation is compounded by the fact that Michigan is already facing a road-funding crisis. While the state Legislature and the governor did raise road funding in 2015 (it was phased in over six years, beginning in 2017), all



objective studies at the time said the state needed a much larger increase than the \$1.2 billion annually in new funding in that package (after the phase-in period).

Additionally, inflation will have eaten away the benefits of that new funding by 2025. As a result, RCOC expects the collective condition of its roads to again begin deteriorating starting in 2025 after having improved each year since the new funding started in 2017.

The additional loss of revenue due to the growing number of EVs on the road will only exacerbate this situation.

The state Legislature and governor's office seem to have begun to acknowledge the EV/road-funding problem, and have agreed to begin studying the issue. However, many in the industry fear that the wheels of state government will turn slowly, and by the time the state identifies a solution, Michigan road funding will have taken a substantial hit.

Anyone who shares this concern is encouraged to convey that sentiment to their state legislators.

# **Contacting RCOC**

If your constituents need information about a road project or want to report a pothole, traffic-signal concern or other road issue, they should <u>call</u> RCOC's **Department of Customer Services** toll free at:

## (877) 858-4804 <u>OR</u> Fill out a report via the RCOC Web site: www.rcocweb.ora

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