

NBCUA Long Term Strategic Planning Leads to Oakland Becoming the 12th Municipality to Join the Utilities Authority

The NBCUA has reached agreement with the Borough of Oakland to accept sewage flow from the municipality at the NBCUA treatment facility in Waldwick.

Planning for the prospect of adding Oakland to the NBCUA has been contemplated by the Authority for many years. In fact, the May 2012 NBCUA's Franklin Lakes Sewer Project considered the possibility of adding neighboring Oakland to the system at a future date. Capacity for increased flow, as well as location of the Franklin Lakes pump station were incorporated into its design to prepare for what the NBCUA saw as the inevitable inclusion of Oakland.

Since 2011 the NBCUA was aware Oakland was reviewing alternatives for their three Sanitary Treatment Plants (STPs). By 2017 the Borough Engineer issued a report making clear that the STPs were nearing the end of their useful life. Their choices were to rebuild the STPs or convey wastewater flow to the NBCUA for treatment. The Borough determined that contracting with the NBCUA was their best option.

Through long-term strategic planning the NBCUA is ready to accept wastewater from Oakland at the Franklin Lakes Pump Station.