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FAST FACTS ABOUT LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY

Overview

Lehigh County Authority (LCA) is a public water and wastewater utility with a mission ***to protect public health and the environment by providing high-quality, safe, and reliable water and wastewater services.*** Our 168 employees strive to meet this commitment through an unwavering focus on our customers' needs and offering a high level of professionalism, quality, and flexibility. We provide water service to more than 55,000 residential and commercial properties throughout Lehigh and Northampton counties, including the City of Allentown, and sewer service to about 35,000 properties, primarily in the City of Allentown. We also provide wholesale water and sewer services in many areas of western and northern Lehigh County. The estimated total population served by LCA systems is more than 270,000.

LCA was founded in 1966 by the County of Lehigh and is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors appointed by the County. LCA is a nonprofit, public agency. Our activities and services are funded solely through revenues from our water and wastewater customers, and our rate-making practices are governed by the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act.

About LCA Water Systems

- LCA operates 13 water systems that provide service in 14 municipalities in two counties.
- The Allentown Division, LCA's largest system, serves about 33,000 residential and commercial properties in the city, and is operated as a 50-year lease under a concession agreement with the city that started in 2013.
- The Central Lehigh Division, the largest LCA-owned system, serves about 18,500 residential and commercial properties, primarily in Upper and Lower Macungie townships and surrounding areas.
- LCA's water is drawn from wells, springs, the Little Lehigh Creek and the Lehigh River. Most of LCA's water is treated at a centralized water filtration plant located in the Allentown Division.
- Water in the Allentown, Central Lehigh and North Whitehall divisions is fluoridated. Other LCA service areas are not fluoridated.

About LCA Wastewater Systems

- LCA's Western Lehigh Interceptor system provides wastewater transportation service for seven municipalities. Through this system, all wastewater is transported to the City of Allentown's Kline's Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, which provides regional wastewater treatment service for 15 municipalities, including the Western Lehigh systems. LCA operates the facility through a lease agreement with the City of Allentown.
- LCA operates small wastewater treatment plants in Heidelberg, Weisenberg, Lynn, and North Whitehall townships, where collection systems are too distant from the Kline's Island system to be interconnected.
- LCA's industrial wastewater pretreatment plant serves industrial properties in the Fogelsville area.

LCA Board & Staff

LCA was created by the County of Lehigh under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act (Act) and is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, who are appointed by the Lehigh County Executive and approved by the County Commissioners. Two of LCA's Board member positions are designated to represent the citizens of the City of Allentown. LCA's Board is vested with all powers allowed under the Act. LCA's current Board members include:

Brian C. Nagle, Chair

Macungie Borough, Lehigh County

Norma Cusick, Assistant Secretary

Salisbury Township, Lehigh County

Amir Famili, Vice Chair

Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County

Jeff Morgan

South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County

Ted Lyons, Treasurer

City of Allentown, Lehigh County

Mark Grammes

Washington Township, Lehigh County

Kevin Baker, Assistant Treasurer

Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County

Sean Ziller

Whitehall Township, Lehigh County

Linda Rosenfeld, Secretary

City of Allentown, Lehigh County

LCA employs 168 professional and technical employees whose expertise ranges from water and wastewater treatment plant operations, laboratory and regulatory compliance, finance and accounting, customer service and billing, legal, administration, engineering, equipment operation, safety, and emergency response, and much more. LCA's leadership structure includes the following:

Liesel M. Gross, Chief Executive Officer

Albert J. Capuzzi, Director of Engineering & Asset Management

Phil DePoe, Senior Planning Engineer

Edward Klein, Chief Financial Officer

Andrew Moore, Director of Plant Operations

Christopher W. Moughan, Director of Service & Technology

Susan Sampson, Communications Manager

Charles Volk, Chief Capital Works Office

King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul, LLC, Solicitor

As a water and wastewater utility, LCA takes its responsibilities to its customers very seriously. Some specific topics of interest to LCA include:

- Environmental laws and regulations
- Water supply issues including droughts, water quality, and long-term supply sustainability
- Municipal financing and long-term infrastructure needs
- Regionalization of utility services and the impacts on Lehigh Valley residents
- Achieving service economies and efficiency through joint ventures