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## **FAST FACTS ABOUT LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY**

### **Overview**

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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 190 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**

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- 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

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- 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

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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:

**Amir Famili, Chair**

Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County

**Linda Rosenfeld, Secretary**

South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County

**Jeff Morgan, Vice Chair**

South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County

**Sean Ziller**

Whitehall Township, Lehigh County

**Ted Lyons, Treasurer**

City of Allentown, Lehigh County

**Peter Dent**

City of Allentown, Lehigh County

**Kevin Baker, Assistant Treasurer**

Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County

LCA employs 190 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

**Mark Mason**, Human Resources Manager

**Andrew Moore**, Director of Plant Operations

**Christopher W. Moughan**, Director of Service & Technology

**Taylor Stakes**, Director of Communications & Strategic Partnerships

**Charles Volk**, Chief Capital Works Officer

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

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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