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## Stoughton Utilities Stresses Importance of Resilient Water Infrastructure During Drinking Water Week 2023

Stoughton Utilities and partners throughout North America this week are celebrating <u>Drinking Water Week</u>, a decades-long tradition led by the <u>American Water Works Association</u> (AWWA). Taking place May 7-13 this year, Drinking Water Week is a celebration recognizing the vital role water plays in everyday life for both water professionals and the communities they serve.

Stoughton Utilities is observing Drinking Water Week by encouraging consumers to learn about the critical infrastructure that transports water from collection to treatment to consumers to ensure access to safe drinking water. The estimated two million miles of water mains across North America are aging, and increased investment is necessary to assure they can reliably deliver safe water to homes and businesses.

"Our local water systems protect public health, fight fires, support the economy and provide everyday conveniences—they are a critical part of our daily life and our way of life we take for granted," said AWWA CEO David LaFrance. "The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act injected \$50 billion in new funding, while a great start, additional investments will be needed to keep water, the lifeblood of our communities, flowing."

To commemorate the week, water utilities, water organizations, government entities, environmental advocates, schools and others throughout North America and beyond are encouraging consumers to learn more about the importance of water services and water infrastructure, especially in times of crisis.

The Stoughton Water Utility was founded in 1886 and has been providing the City of Stoughton with clean, safe drinking water for over one hundred and thirty five years.

## **About Drinking Water Week**

For several decades, AWWA and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in daily lives. Free materials for download and additional information about Drinking Water Week are available on the Drinking Water Week webpage.