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The Suffolk County Water Authority received the trophy for winning the Long Island Water Conference's 36th annual Drinking Water Tasting Contest. SCWA's water was declared the best-tasting among all Suffolk County water providers in May. The trophy commemorating the win was delivered to SCWA and will now be on display all year, until it passes on to the next winner in 2025. Water from 14 providers from across Long Island were considered for the contest. The Bayville Water Department took home the title for Nassau County. "The drinking water taste contest is always a fun time for us," said SCWA Chairman Charles Lefkowitz. "It is great to see how we stack up against many of our fellow water providers, and our victory shows that our hard work is paying off. We are excited to have this trophy in hand and will be sure to display it with pride."

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The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation announced \$435 million in Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grants across 102 projects statewide, funding critical water infrastructure improvements throughout New York State. Among the largest single recipients, the Suffolk County Water Authority has been awarded \$21.5 million this year—the largest grant SCWA has received through the WIIA program to date, surpassing its previous record of \$21.4 million in 2021. Since 2019, SCWA has aggressively pursued grant funding and successfully secured more than \$92 million from federal, state and local sources to enhance water quality, expand access to public water and treatment capacity. The new funds will support SCWA's installation of 17 Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filters for removing PFAS and five Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) systems for treating 1,4-dioxane—two contaminants identified as public health priorities. This grant funding reduces the cost of installations and allows SCWA to limit expenses passed on to customers and maintain some of the lowest water rates in New York.

SCWA Chairman Charlie Lefkowitz emphasized the importance of these investments: "On behalf of our 1.2 million customers, we thank Governor Hochul and the State of New York for this critical support. High-quality drinking water requires proactive investments in treatment technology, and grant funding allows us to stay at the forefront of emerging contaminants while minimizing costs for our customers."