

EQCB GRANTS TEN YEAR VARIANCE

The Village's variance application to the EQCB (Environmental Quality Control Board) was heard on March 13, 2009. The Village requested a permanent variance to the County Code requirement of mandatory connection to a water main within 90 days after the main is placed in service. The Board heard testimony from Mayor Lerner, Village Manager Lombardi, and several residents. The Board denied the Village's request but did approve a 10 year variance. The occurrence of any one the following events will mandate a connection:

1. Failure of a property's existing on-site drinking water supply well. Failure shall be defined as groundwater contamination or the need to replace the well;
2. Construction of a single family or duplex residence upon any vacant property abutting a water main;
3. Substantial Improvement to an existing single family residence or duplex residence located on an existing water main. Substantial Improvement shall be defined as any combination of repairs, reconstruction, alteration, or improvements to the residence, over the aforementioned ten (10) year period, that equal or exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the existing gross floor area; or
4. Sale of transfer of any property abutting a water main.