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Voluntary Water Restrictions

Mayor Jeffery Caggiano announced today that the Bristol Water Department, as a Department of the City of Bristol, is notifying customers that the City's reservoirs have declined to 70 percent capacity from the lack of rain and that the Water and Sewer Department has issued Voluntary Water Restrictions effective immediately.

"Although much of the State has been in a drought over the past few months, levels in Bristol have remained fair, yet as we continue to see a lack of precipitation, we must issue Voluntary Restrictions for the City" said Robert J. Longo, Superintendent of the Bristol Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Longo added, "Our staff has worked hard all summer long to utilize our resources effectively to minimize any drought restrictions and have been very successful keeping our levels above 70%".

Although the reservoirs are at 70 percent capacity, no substantial rain in the immediate forecast will cause the levels to continue to drop. The Bristol Water and Sewer Department in coordination with the Mayor's office is requesting that customers limit the amount of outside water use and to adhere to the Department's policy on Odd / Even watering. Odd / Even watering allows for properties with an even street number to water on even days of the month and the same for properties with odd street numbers to water on odd days of the month. The Odd / Even watering system also applies to washing cars, watering flowers and any other non-essential outside uses.

The Bristol Water and Sewer Department will be reaching out to its largest consumers, including the Parks Department, Public Works, golf courses and large commercial properties requesting assistance with the volunteer restrictions. The Water and Sewer Department will also suspend the Annual Hydrant Flushing program this Fall, increased

its supply from wells along with its supply from a connection with the City of New Britain on Stafford Avenue.

Mayor Caggiano stated: “I want to congratulate the Bristol Water and Sewer Department for managing our water source this year in the midst of a drought to get us to this point. Hopefully the levels will rise soon with fall rains.”

The last time the Bristol Water Department issued mandatory restrictions was in 2020 when reservoirs dropped to nearly 60 percent capacity, forcing the Department to enforce the emergency restrictions.

Anyone with questions on the restrictions or the City’s water supply can contact the Bristol Water Department at 860-582-7431. Information on the Voluntary Restrictions along with other ways to conserve water can also be found on the Bristol Water and Sewer Departments website at www.bristolwaterdept.org or on the Bristol Water and Sewer Departments and Mayor’s Office Facebook pages.

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