



# Hopewell Borough Water System Referendum Fact Sheet

By partnering with New Jersey American Water, the Borough will secure \$13.4 million, \$6.4 million from the sale proceeds and \$7 million in infrastructure upgrades in the first five years of ownership, to benefit the community through the sale of its water system. The investment will help stabilize property taxes by reducing municipal debt, and residents will benefit from about 36% lower water bills on average.\*

This partnership will build on an existing relationship through which New Jersey American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable drinking water for residents and businesses, supplementing the local water supply. By taking ownership of the water system, New Jersey American Water would assume all operational and regulatory responsibilities and invest in the infrastructure to modernize the system and improve reliability.

This collaboration will strengthen the Borough's future by helping ensure safe, clean, affordable and reliable drinking water for generations to come.

## Benefits



**Lower water bills**, about 36% on average



Eliminate **water utility debt** and most **municipal debt**, stabilizing **property taxes**



**Eliminate all lead water service lines** at no direct cost to residents



**High-quality water** that meets all federal, state, and local drinking water standards



**Repair and modernize** the water system infrastructure



Long-term partnership with company committed **to building strong communities**

## Reducing Water Rates

Hopewell Borough rates are significantly higher than New Jersey American Water's rates. Under the proposed partnership, most residents will see about a 36% decrease in their water bill while benefiting from millions of dollars in needed infrastructure investment to help ensure safe, clean, affordable and reliable drinking water.



**\$423** annual savings for average water user



**\$13.4 million** to benefit the community

## Providing Safe Water

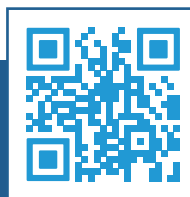
- Due to current elevated levels of PFAS and arsenic**, Wells No. 4 and 6 will be taken offline to maintain safe drinking water standards
- Many water service connections still contain lead and galvanized pipes, **New Jersey American Water will replace customer-owned lead service lines at no direct cost to customers.** Homes built before 1986 could have lead or lead-soldered service lines.

\*Approximate 36% decrease on monthly bill is based on water usage of 4,000 gallons per month and New Jersey American Water rates as of July 2025; the percent decrease on bill varies by usage



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## Investing in Hopewell Borough for Residents & Businesses

New Jersey American Water is committed to investing **\$13.4 million** in Hopewell Borough:

The **\$6.4 million** sale price would pay off all water utility debt and significantly reduce municipal debt, helping to stabilize property taxes.

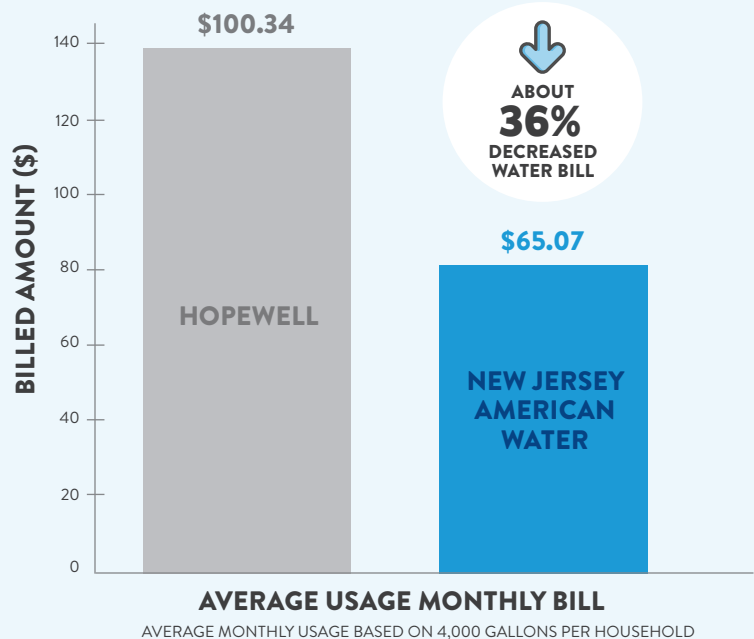
New Jersey American Water plans to invest approximately **\$7 million** in the first five years of ownership, replacing aging water mains, upgrading water storage facilities and replacing lead service lines.

Proceeds from the sale will **pay off utility and municipal debt**, freeing up resources to Borough services like public safety, parks, and roads.

## Lower Rates for Residents & Businesses

The Borough faces rising costs if it self-funds the necessary capital improvements and operational expenses of the water system. The Borough's water rates are significantly higher than those of New Jersey American Water, and financing additional critical capital needs would drive costs even higher. Through the partnership with New Jersey American Water, residents with average usage would save about 36% on their water bill, while businesses with higher usage would experience even greater savings. The sale would provide immediate financial relief and long-term stability for both residents and businesses.

### Comparing Hopewell & New Jersey American Water Rates



## Providing Community Support & High-Quality Service for Hopewell Borough

New Jersey American Water's Central Region Operations team, with nearly 300 local employees, is committed to serving the community.

- Monthly billing with **convenient online and in-person bill-paying options**
- **24/7 emergency support system** to notify customers of issues
- **Support for local organizations** through grants and educational programs
- **Bill paying assistance** for customers in need



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