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# REHABILITATION AT THE GREAT FALLS COMPLETED BY WATER COMMISSION

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**(Paterson, NJ – September 16, 2024)** – Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) played a role in beautifying Paterson by rehabilitating its two brick buildings on the north bank of the Passaic River at the Great Falls. The Pump House, which was built circa 1895 and the Gate House, built between 1906 and 1907, are part of the history of the Great Falls. This \$2.1M rehabilitation, which was recently completed, helped to restore the buildings back to their original facade. Some of the upgrades include new roofs, restoration of windows and doors, as well as the brick work that encases the buildings.

PVWC hired architect firm Bilow Garrett, well known for their work on historic buildings. Bilow Garrett enlisted the assistance of Mary Delaney Krugman, a historic preservation specialist who helped ensure the work was done with accepted historic preservation standards and guidelines. Bilow Garrett and Ms. Krugman worked with Phelps Construction Group, who performed the construction and rehabilitation. The buildings will, once again, become an integral part of the water system and will complement the historic and newly renovated Hinchcliffe Stadium, which is right across the walkway.

“The work at the Great Falls is just part of the upgrades the company is planning so that we can continue to provide our customers with a reliable and sustainable water supply well into the future,” said PVWC Executive Director Jim Mueller. “At PVWC, we understand there is a delicate balance between how much we can improve the system while keeping water rates affordable and that is why we are taking a detailed look at our system...we are addressing the critical areas first,” he added.

The company has contracted with several engineering firms to conduct studies of the infrastructure throughout its service area to identify where the system is most vulnerable. When PVWC starts its infrastructure improvement program, customers will begin to see even better water quality with improved water flows and pressure, as well as a more sustainable and reliable system with less main breaks.

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