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**TOWN WATERWORKS WINS 2015 EXCELLENCE IN WATERWORKS  
PERFORMANCE AWARD**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. April 11, 2016** – The Virginia Department of Health’s Office of Drinking Water (ODW) has presented the Town of Purcellville Waterworks with a **2015 Excellence in Waterworks Operations/Performance Award**. The Office of Drinking Water will present the award at the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc., *Water is Life* 2016 Conference and Luncheon on April 20, 2016 in Roanoke.

The VDH (ODW) Recognition Program each year awards water systems that have demonstrated excellence in performance and operations and for its treatment and distribution of drinking water to the public. The standards for the award involve setting and achieving goals beyond the established regulations and making a commitment to customer satisfaction.

This is the eighth consecutive year that the Town has achieved this recognition from the Virginia Department of Health.

The Town of Purcellville treats and delivers more than 200 million gallons of water each year. There are two primary sources of water: the Town’s reservoirs, located at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and wells located throughout the Town. The reservoir is considered “surface water,” which requires treatment at the Town’s Water Treatment Plant, located on Short Hill Road. The Town produces about half of its daily water use at this facility. The remaining water comes from wells located at Short Hill Mountain and throughout Town. Treatment occurs as needed at each location to ensure water quality standards are met.

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).