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**WATER TREATMENT PLANT WINS 2020 EXCELLENCE IN GRANULAR MEDIA
FILTRATION AWARD**

PURCELLVILLE, Va. July 15, 2021 — The Virginia Department of Health’s Office of Drinking Water (ODW) has presented the Town of Purcellville Water Treatment Plant with a **2020 Excellence in Granular Media Filtration Award**.

The Water Treatment Plant earned the **Silver** Award for achieving Virginia’s optimization goals for filtration. The performance award was attained by scoring consistently excellent performance at the Water Treatment Plant throughout 2020.

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 **thirteenth** consecutive year that the Town has achieved this recognition from the Virginia Department of Health. The award is particularly meaningful this year, as 2020 presented many challenges to operations. Your commitment to providing the highest quality water to the Town is greatly appreciated!



The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town 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, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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