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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AWARDS GRANT
TO TOWN'S WATER DEPT.**

PURCELLVILLE, VA, August 2, 2021 — The Virginia Department of Health awarded the Town of Purcellville Water Department a grant in the amount of \$32,942 for source water protection. Grant funds will be used to install protective fencing around four Town wells to prevent contamination from trespassing, vandalism, theft, graffiti and physical damage. The Town of Purcellville is committed to safely and responsibly maintaining water service to the Town. This fencing project complements other long-term initiatives and provides a more secure water system overall. Protection of public drinking water sources is of vital importance to customers served by the Town of Purcellville. A Source Water Protection Plan is available on-line and at Town Hall. If you would like to review the Source Water Protection Plan, please visit the following link or contact Town Hall at (540) 338-7421:

https://www.purcellvilleva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4757/Purcellville_SWP_finalplan_Internet-Version-3?bidId=

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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