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Safer Drinking Water Is On Its Way to Hazel Hurst Community



The sight of tractor trailer trucks delivering piping, fire hydrants and other equipment is a big relief for the Hazel Hurst Water Company. Construction recently began on an \$800,000 project to replace the aged distribution system and make overall improvements.

Through a unique Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Program established to help small drinking water systems comply with Safe Drinking Water Regulations, Hazel Hurst Water Company officials are taking steps to ensure safer drinking water when residents turn on their faucets this winter. Improvements also include addition of new hydrants providing fire protection to all village residents.

The Small Drinking Water Systems Engineering Services Program (ESP), created an opportunity for the water company to work with DEP's statewide consultant, **alfred benesch & company** of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, to design much needed improvements for the water system. The ESP covers engineering fees, providing the missing financial link desperately

needed for smaller water systems with limited financial resources. Construction of the new water distribution system is fully funded by grants from the state's PENNVEST and Community Development Block Grant Programs and is being administered by the McKean County Redevelopment Authority.

As a reminder, residents of the Village of Hazel Hurst will be notified prior to service interruptions. After the new service is connected, residents should flush their lines for a minimum of five (5) minutes before using. Residents can contact the following people with questions during construction: Mr. Richard Keesler, Hazel Hurst Water Company President, at 814-778-5459, Mr. James J. Rhoades, Jr., P.E., or Mr. Michael J. Peleschak, E.I.T., **alfred benesch & company**, at 570-622-4055, or the project inspector, Mr. Michael McDermott at 814-778-2252.



Attending the recent Groundbreaking for Hazel Hurst Water Company's new Water Distribution System Improvements are from left to right: Joseph Matalavage, P.E., **alfred benesch & company**; Penny Eddy, Executive Director, McKean County Redevelopment Authority; Richard Keesler, President, Hazel Hurst Water Company; Bob Cummins, Contractor; and Michael Peleschak, E.I.T., **alfred benesch & company**.

