



# RYE WATER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Rye Junior High School

March 28, 2026

9:00 am



# WELCOME

- Call to Order – Moderator, Steven Borne
- Please Silence Cell Phones
- Pledge of Allegiance



# INTRODUCTIONS

Moderator:

Steven Borne

Commissioners:

Scott Marion, Chair

Rosalie Lopresto, Vice Chair

Thomas Mack

Treasurer:

Amy Thibodeau

Clerk:

Lindsay Murphy

Staff:

Brian Goetz, Administrator

Arik Jones, Superintendent

Dyana Ledger, Business Manager



# MEETING AGENDA

- Introduction by Chair Marion
- Major Activities of the Water District
- Budget Overview
- Q&A
- Official Business: Warrant Articles and Voting
- Other Business
- Moderator's Rules



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- Introduction by Chair Marion

# STAFF



- Brian Goetz, Administrator
- Arik Jones, Superintendent
- Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
- Jacob Madore, Operator
- Caleb Thibodeau, Operator
- Molly O'Neil, Operator-Water Quality Sampling Agent
  - Hired in November 2025





## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER LOPRESTO!

- Commissioner from March 2023 to March 2026
- Strong advocate for improving and protecting the drinking water quality of the district
- Actively researching latest trends in response and treatment of PFAS contamination



# MEETING AGENDA

- Major Activities of the Water District

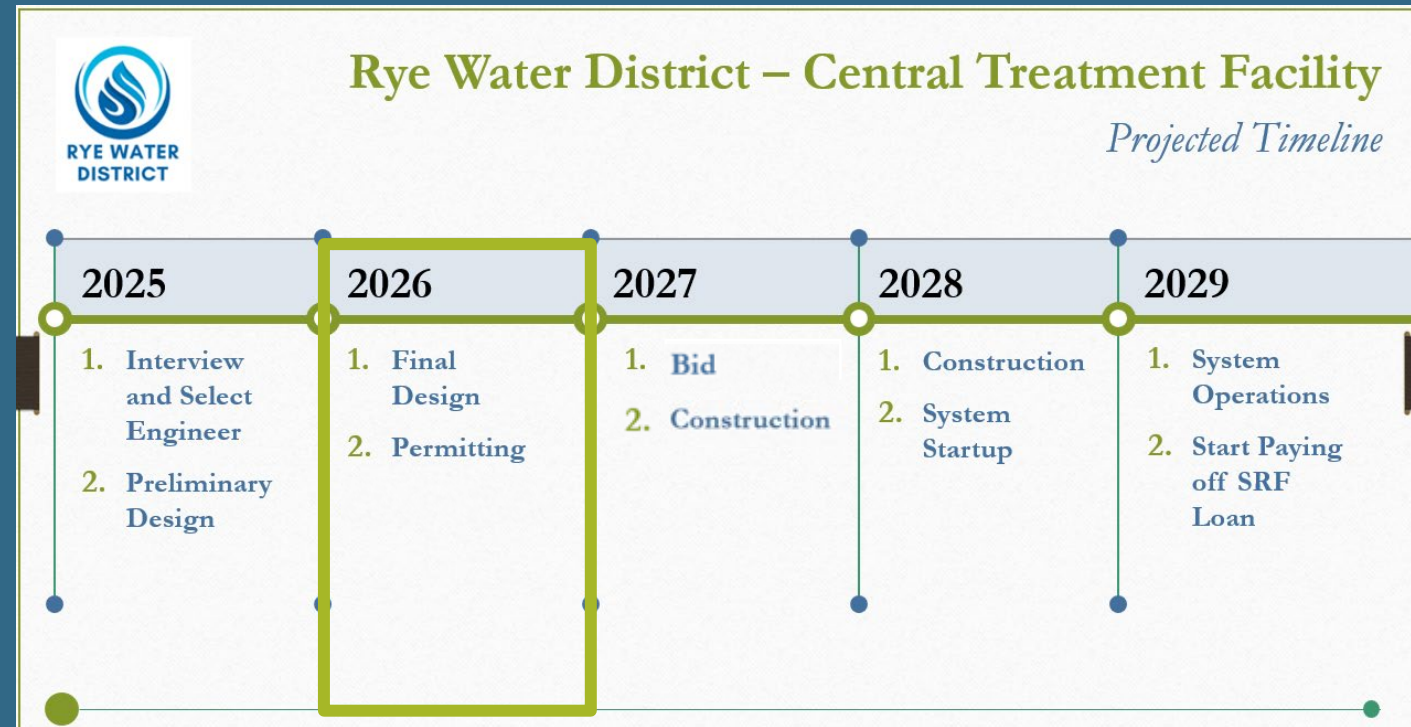
# WASHINGTON ROAD TANK #1 PAINTING



# WATER TREATMENT FACILITY DESIGN



- \$16 million in State Revolving Loan Funds approved in 2024
  - \$2 million will be forgiven
- Treatment of Wells
  - PFAS Treatment
  - Iron and Manganese Blending and/or Treatment
  - Upgraded Operations Center





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# PFAS PILOTING

- Work performed by RWD staff and reviewed by Underwood Engineers
- Four different PFAS treatment filter media were tested to analyze and compare performance
- Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) selected as best option for final design



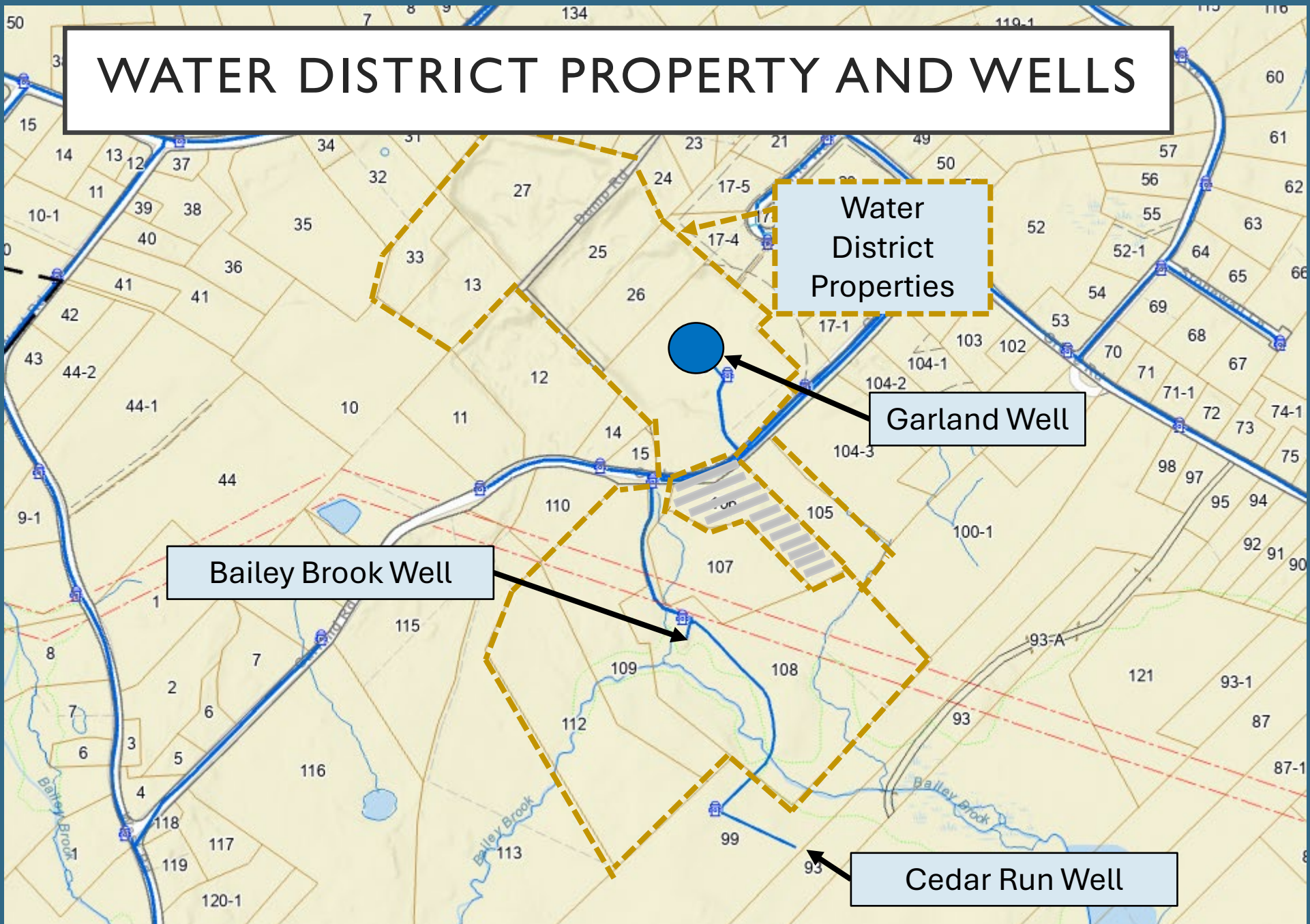
# IRON-MANGANESE BENCH TESTING



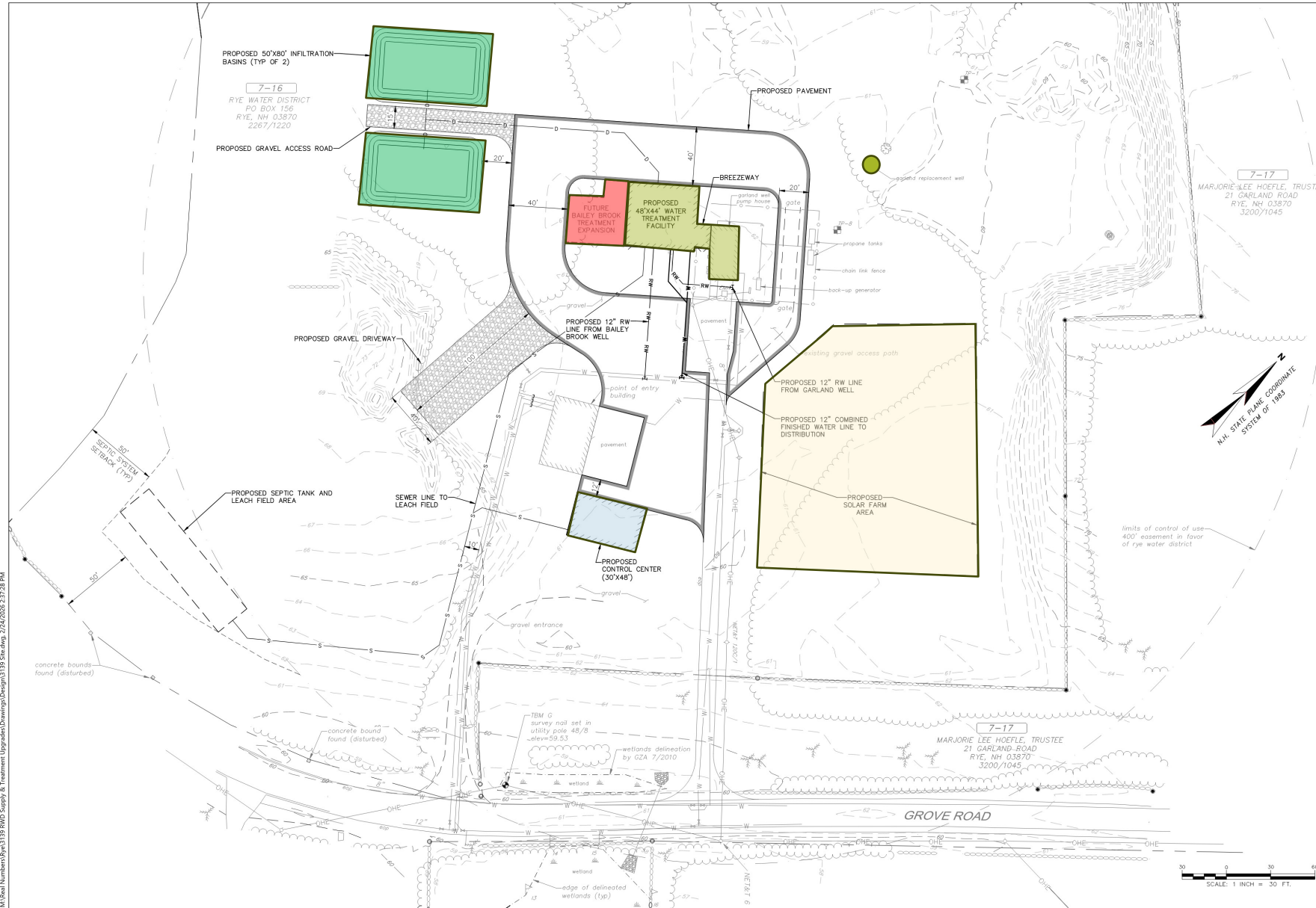
# BAILEY WELL GAC PILOTING



# WATER DISTRICT PROPERTY AND WELLS



# Conceptual Design – Site Layout



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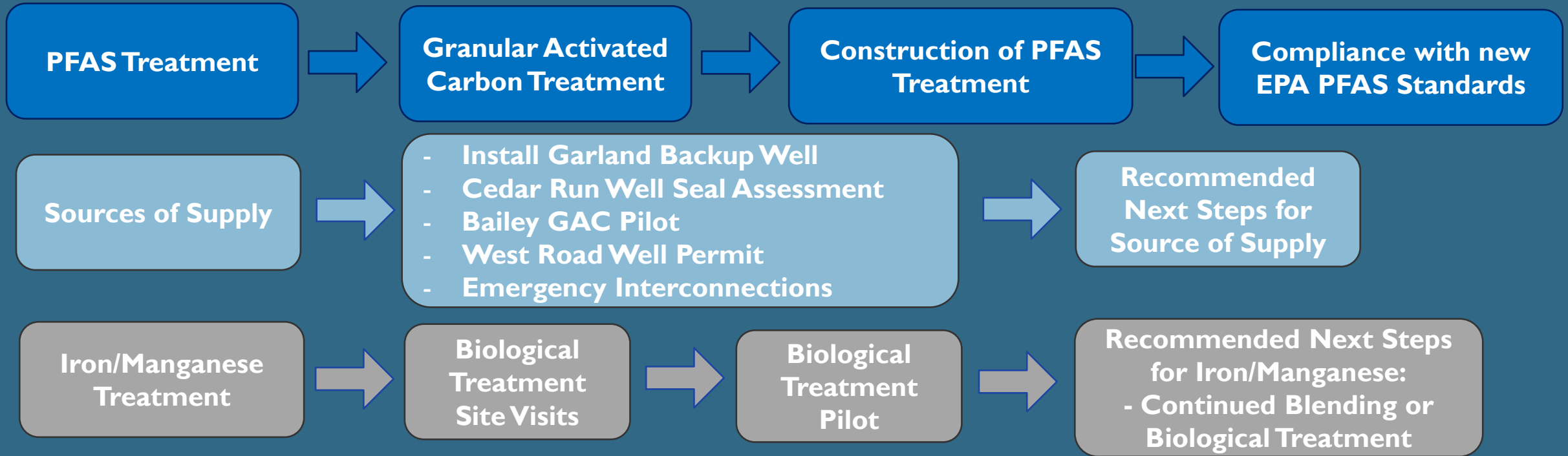
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# Central Treatment Project



## Schedule

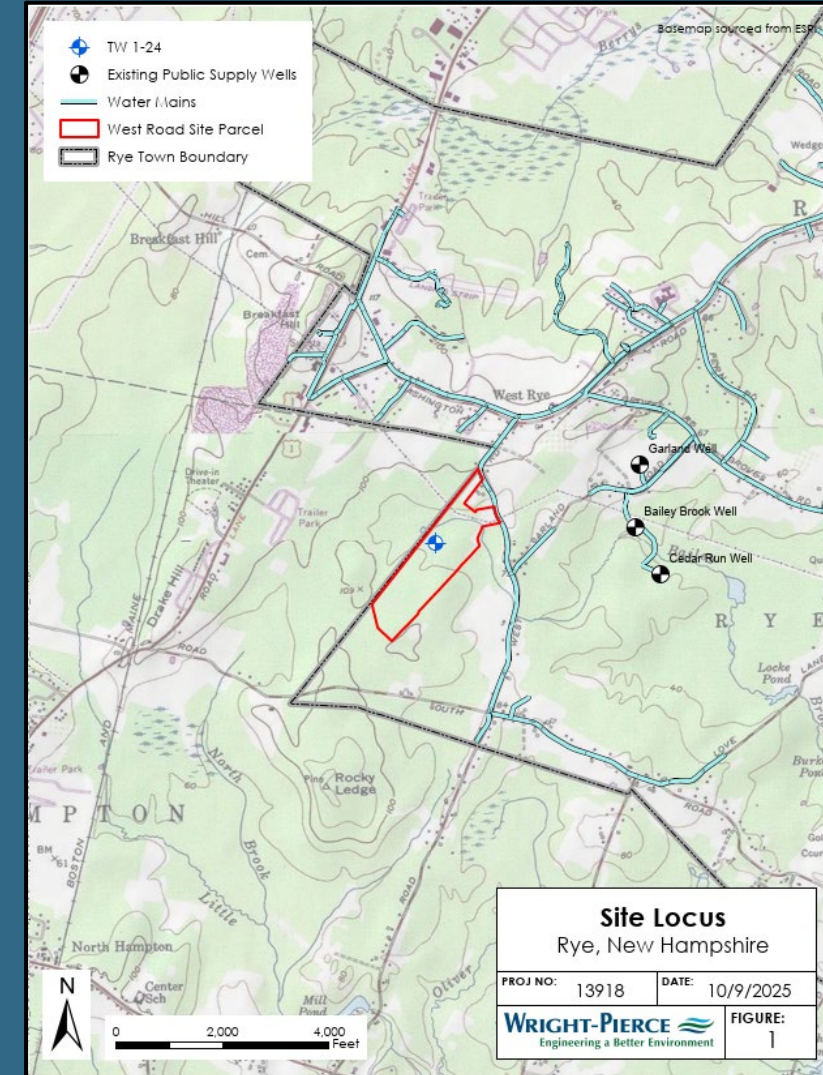
- **Preliminary Design Report** Completed: March 2026
- **Final Design and Permitting** April 2026 to April 2027
- **Bidding** May 2027
- **Construction** July 2027 to Spring 2029

# WEST ROAD WELL



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- 600-ft deep Test Well drilled on Brown property conservation land in fall of 2024. Initial findings:
  - 225 Gallons-per-minute estimate
  - Initial water quality was favorable
- Three additional observation wells installed in 2025
- Extensive hydrogeological investigations during 2025
- Anticipate filing permit application later in 2026
- Article #4: \$250,000
  - Permitting submittal with the NHDES
  - Additional Pump Testing
  - Extensive water monitoring and analysis prior to any approval
  - Anticipate two years for this work



# WEST ROAD WELL – WELL ANALYSIS



# RATE STUDY AND NEW RATES

Rye Water District  
2025 Water Rate Public Hearing  
Rye, NH

January 29, 2026

Underwood Engineers

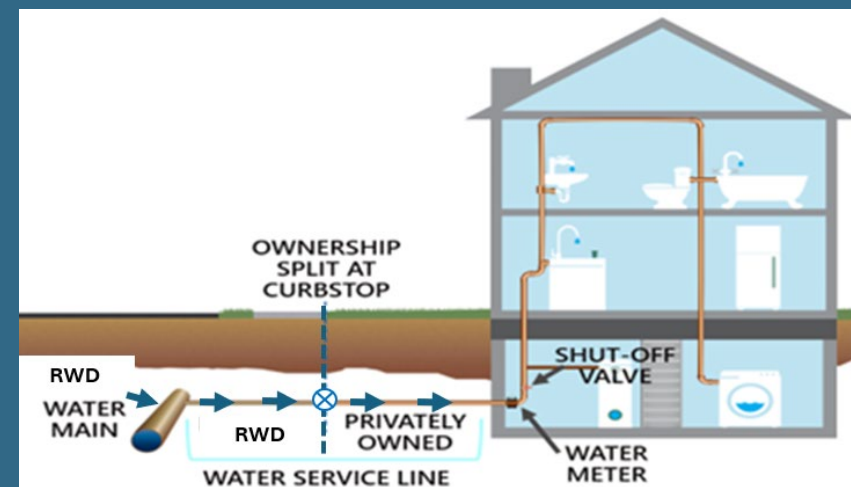
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- Underwood Engineers hired to advance the Rate Study performed in 2024
- Update rates prior to 2026 budget
- Public Hearing held on January 29, 2026
- Commissioners approved new rates on February 3, 2026
- Major Changes
  - Quarterly Billing Cycle
  - Allotments changed from 50,000 gallons/year to 12,000 gallons/quarter
- Continued adjustments are anticipated prior to completion of new Central Treatment Facility in 2030 (start of 20-year loan payments).

# WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

- We are required to know all the material in the pipes because lead is a serious health concern
- RWD is responsible for the lines from the main to the curb, We must certify the material in all service lines. Any lines containing lead must be replaced
- There is no known history of lead in our water system, but we must still confirm that lead is not in any service lines.
- District staff and contractors will start doing these investigations this summer.
- Ten-year timeline to complete the work.



# 2025 DROUGHT



## Rye Water District

Committed to Providing Clean, Safe Water for All Our Residents

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### Odd/Even Water Restrictions

August 20, 2025

Due to the ongoing drought, Rye Water District customers are to comply with an odd/even irrigation system schedule. Customers with odd-numbered street addresses can irrigate from midnight until 8:00 am on odd numbered days. Customers with even-numbered addresses can water on even numbered days. Thank you for your cooperation during these dry times.

Ok, Got It!

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# 2025 Drought



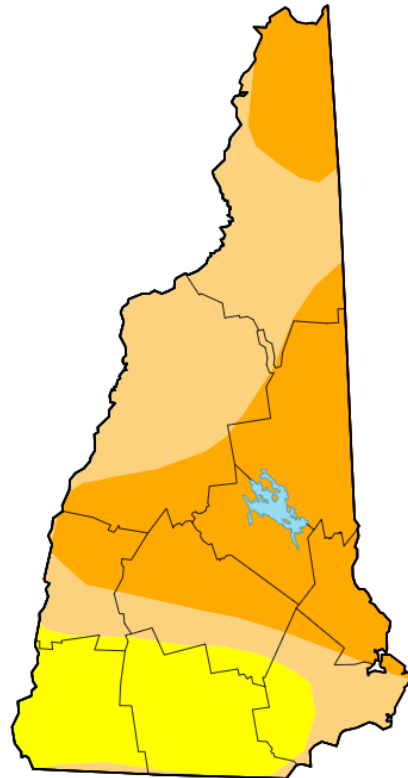
# CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS

U.S. Drought Monitor

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**Map released: Thurs. March 19, 2026**

Data valid: March 17, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

### Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

### Authors

United States and Puerto Rico Author(s):

[Curtis Riganti](#), National Drought Mitigation Center

Pacific Islands and Virgin Islands Author(s):

[Brad Rippey](#), U.S. Department of Agriculture

## **Odd-Even Irrigation Schedule**



The commissioners have established a policy requiring customers with irrigation systems to follow an odd-even schedule:

**Customers with odd numbered street addresses can irrigate:**

- **From midnight until 8:00 am or 8:00 p.m. until midnight on odd-numbered days**

**Customers with even numbered street addresses can irrigate:**

- **From midnight until 8:00 am or 8:00 p.m. until midnight on even-numbered days**

# PROPOSED BUDGET



DEPARTMENT	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2025 YTDDate	2026 Proposed	From 2025 DOLLAR CHANGE	From 2025 PERCENT CHANGE	Notes
EXECUTIVE	10,700	10,700	6,959	10,700	-	0.00%	
FINANCE	17,650	22,115	21,727	22,375	260	1.18%	
LEGAL	30,000	30,000	9,965	19,000	(11,000)	-36.67%	
COMPLEX EXPENSE	139,300	105,700	105,543	108,200	2,500	2.37%	
INSURANCE	20,298	22,545	22,483	23,907	1,362	6.04%	
ADVERTISING	9,500	9,500	6,435	8,500	(1,000)	-10.53%	
ADMINISTRATION	698,400	768,307	760,189	956,250	187,943	24.46%	1) Hire of new Operator/Sampling Agent, 2) Health Insurance Increases - \$50,000
WATER SERVICES	370,300	400,300	318,657	564,409	164,109	41.00%	Washington Road Tank Painting (4 year contract at \$162,609)
WATER TREATMENT	265,000	250,000	270,330	315,000	65,000	26.00%	Portsmouth wholesale rate increase - \$25,000
DEBT SERVICE	264,156	259,043	264,098	264,098	5,055	1.95%	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	365,000	215,000	90,167	65,000	(150,000)	-69.77%	Utilize existing reserve accounts for projects and capital expenses this year
TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	2,190,304	2,093,210	1,876,553	2,378,139	284,929	13.61%	
WARRANT ARTICLES		512,609	162,609	250,000	(262,609)	-12.21%	Last year had Washington Road Tank
CAPITAL RESV & TRUSTS	30,000	85,000	247,609	-	(85,000)	-100.00%	Hold off additional contributions until 2027 budget
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2,220,304	2,690,819	2,124,162	2,628,139	(62,680)	-2.33%	



# MEETING AGENDA

- Q&A

# WARRANT ARTICLES

## **Article #01**

To choose a Commissioner for the ensuing three (3) years.

# WARRANT ARTICLES

## **Article #02**

To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three (3) years.

# WARRANT ARTICLES

**Article #03** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million three hundred seventy-eight thousand one hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$2,378,139) for general District operations and to defray Water District charges for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in any other article addressed. (Majority vote required).

**This article is recommended by the Commissioners: 3-0**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0**

# WARRANT ARTICLES

**Article #04** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of testing and permitting the West Road site. This amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the testing and permitting at the West Road site is completed or by December 31, 2028, whichever is sooner. This article has no tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Commissioners: 3-0**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0**

# WARRANT ARTICLES

**Article #05** To see if the District will vote to discontinue the Contingency Expendable Trust Fund created in 1995. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the District's general fund unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Commissioners: 3-0**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0**

# OTHER BUSINESS

**Article #06** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.



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**THANK YOU!**