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Grant Awarded to Connect Blair Township Homes affected by PFAS to Water System

Blair Township and Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) are very pleased to announce that a \$74,520 grant was awarded to connect fourteen households to the Blair Township Water System at no cost to the homeowners. Blair Township and GTCHD collaborated on a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Drinking Water Contaminant Remediation Grant application.

The households were identified as qualifying for this grant because per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were detected in their wells at low levels. Last year, several wells were tested for PFAS due to contamination from fire-fighting foam that was used during the 1995/96 Carl's Retread tire fire. Although the detected PFAS levels were below the EPA Health Advisory Level of 70 parts per trillion, GTCHD provided bottled water and then installed filters at the affected homes out of an abundance of caution to eliminate further exposure to the contaminate.

Fortunately, all of the affected homes have access to the Blair Township Water System as a long-term solution for safe drinking water. The cost to connect the homes is completely covered by the EGLE grant along with matching funds from Blair Township and Grand Traverse County.

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