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Senator Time for money to flow; Murphy applauds Gov signing legislation for multi billion dollar water infrastructure investment

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ALBANY, NY - Senator Terrence Murphy has been quoted as saying, "There are two things in life you cannot live without: oxygen and water." Residents of the 40th Senate District can breathe easier now that Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed the Clean Water Infrastructure Act into law. Senator Murphy praised the signing, which will pour \$2.5 billion into the state, investing in drinking water infrastructure, clean water infrastructure and water quality protection.

"Due to the strain of a growing population and economic development, much of our aging infrastructure is badly in need of an upgrade," Senator Murphy said. "This bold investment will help local governments pay for infrastructure construction projects, address water emergencies, and investigate and mitigate emerging contaminants to ensure access to clean, drinkable water for all New Yorkers."

This funding includes over \$1.5 billion in grants for water infrastructure improvements and creates a \$75 million rebate program to give homeowners and small businesses an incentive to replace and upgrade aging septic systems. In addition to traditional infrastructure, funds are also available for 'green' infrastructure, with \$110 million dedicated for source water protection initiatives, including land acquisition.

"Clean water is an issue of paramount national importance, and New York is once again leading the nation with this bold investment to strengthen the infrastructure of our water systems and protect the long-term health, sustainability and economic vitality of communities across the state," Governor Cuomo said. "This funding will provide New York's cities, towns and villages with modernized, sustainable water systems - protecting our precious resources and securing a healthier future for all New Yorkers."

The Governor also announced that municipalities can now apply for \$255 million in grants for drinking water and clean water infrastructure projects through the established NYS Water Grant Program and new Intermunicipal Grant Program, funded through the Clean Water Infrastructure Act. Applications and additional information are now available here and must be submitted along with any required supporting documentation to: NYSWaterGrants@efc.ny.gov by 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2017.