

NEW JERSEY WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ROUND VALLEY RESERVOIR STRUCTURES REFURBISHMENT AND RESOURCE
PRESERVATION PROJECT**

Take notice pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 13:1L-14.4, and the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Act, the New Jersey Water Supply Authority will hold a Public Forum on **Friday, February 8, 2019** at 11:30 a.m. in the Authority's Executive Office Conference Room located at 1851 Highway 31, Clinton, New Jersey, to provide the opportunity for public comment.

The New Jersey Water Supply Authority is responsible for operating and maintaining the Round Valley Reservoir, located in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Round Valley Reservoir contains the largest supply of drinking water in the state. The Authority is planning a project to refurbish the embankments of the Reservoir, composed of the North Dam, South Dam and Dike. These improvements to the embankments will extend the reservoir's operating life and improve its durability. The project requires clearing approximately 40 acres of trees for temporary staging and stockpiling. More than half of the trees being cleared are located in heavily ash-dominant forest stands that are dead or dying as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Any State entity planning to deforest one acre or more, must present its plan for deforestation and reforestation to the public. The Authority will present its plans at the February 8, 2019 forum. Interested persons may present statements orally or in writing relevant to the proposed plans. Written comments may also be submitted until April 9, 2019 at which time the public record will be closed.

All comments should be submitted to the address below or info@njwsa.org:

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