

“Water Supply System”

In 1886, the Hackensack Water Company (now Suez Water-NJ) laid pipes to connect Englewood with its New Milford filtration plant. Before that, water came from wells and cisterns, which ran dry in droughts. Fire hydrants and tap water are served by the same system.

Before 1886, residents and businesses could obtain water only from wells and cisterns. J. A. Humphreys recalls that early residents experienced many times when wells ran dry and they had to pay dearly for wagon loads of water. The village had outgrown these sources and embraced the opportunity to be included in the more reliable supply available when the Hackensack Water Company (now Suez Water-New Jersey) expanded its transmission system from its newly-built New Milford filtration plant. The company was planning to build mains to serve its customers in Hoboken and was very pleased to be able to extend mains to connect Englewood which greatly expanded its client base.

The 1887 filtration plant (see images below) has long since been replaced by a modern [water treatment](#) facility in Haworth. Today, Englewood is part of a high-quality [water supply system](#) operated by Suez Water that serves more than 850,000 people in northern NJ. Rain collected in a series of reservoirs with the Hackensack River watershed is the main source for our drinking water and other uses. Fire hydrants are connected to the same system as residences, businesses, and schools.

These videos explain what steps Suez Water takes to provide a safe water supply for Englewood and vicinity:

<https://www.mysuezwater.com/learn-about-suez-haworth-nj>

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/environment/2017/03/24/long-process-treat-water/99030632/>

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New Milford plant seen from the north (accessible only by kayak or canoe.)