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Dear Residents,

I understand your concerns regarding the ongoing drought conditions affecting the Northeast, and I share your worries. Although we are not in the rainy season, we hope for rain every day.

I have issued a Drought Alert. At the Village Board meeting on November 4, 2024, and in the News of the Highlands, we encouraged voluntary water use restrictions. This includes avoiding non-essential water usage such as washing cars and watering plants. Please continue to exercise caution inside your homes and businesses by running the dishwasher or washing machine only when full, fixing dripping faucets, taking shorter showers, and turning off running water while brushing teeth.

Here are a few additional tips that might help, as every little bit helps when it comes to conserving water:

Collect Rainwater: If it does rain, use barrels to collect rainwater for outdoor use.

Use Mulch: Mulching around plants can help retain soil moisture.

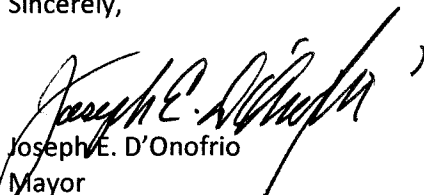
Check for Leaks: Regularly inspect your plumbing for leaks and fix them promptly.

Install Water-Saving Devices: Consider installing low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.

The status of the reservoir is being monitored every day by the Village Engineer and workers from VRI, the private contractor operating the village potable water system. They notified me today that Upper Bog Meadow Reservoir, which supplies water to both Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery, is at 40 percent capacity which amounts to approximately 4 months of available water capacity under zero rainfall conditions. Additional water capacity also exists in Lower Bog Meadow Reservoir.

Residents are encouraged to restrict the use of water as much as possible. I appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Mayor
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