

**New York State Department of Health awards The Village of Freeport Water Department the title of Best Tasting Water in New York State at the New York State Fair in Syracuse on August 29, 2019.**



**Superintendent of Water, Jerry Cardoso receiving the 2019 Tap Water Taste award for Best Tasting Water in New York State. Jane C. Thapa, P.E., Bureau of Water Supply Protection, N.Y.S. Department of Health, presents the award in Syracuse at the New York State Fair.**

## **TAP WATER TASTE CONTEST**

2019 marks the 33rd year that the Tap Water Taste Contest (TWTC) has been held in New York State. The contest goal is to inform the general public about the value and quality of public drinking water through a fun, non-scientific competition. Currently, the TWTC is under the Water and Wastewater Education and Outreach Committee's (WWEOC) management.

The TWTC is an opportunity for water systems across New York State to join together for a friendly competition. Not only do community water systems compete to be acknowledged for their achievements, the contest also provides an opportunity for individuals to learn more about the processes necessary to deliver clean and safe water for public use and consumption. A series of contests take place at the local and regional level. Participants will choose the best tasting tap water and winners will advance to regional competitions and eventually to the State Fair in Syracuse. Winners at the regional and State Fair competitions receive plaques in recognition from the WWEOC.

The Village of Freeport Water Department competed against other communities in Nassau County and won. They then competed against the winner of Suffolk County and won. They moved on to the regional contest at the American Museum of Natural History August 5, 2019, where they tied with New York City. That brought them to the State contest at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, where they won the 2019 Tap Water Taste Contest.