

2016 CDC WATER FLUORIDATION AWARDS

The North Dakota Department of Health announced today that The City of Cooperstown has been awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in drinking water to a level that is effective for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoride in drinking water throughout 2016.

For 2016, a total of 1,360 public water systems in 29 states received these awards, including 40 in North Dakota.

“Water fluoridation is one of the best investments that a community can make in maintaining the oral health of its citizens. It is equally as effective in preventing cavities in children and adults,” stated Casey Hannan, MPH, Acting Director, CDC Division of Oral Health. “Fluoridation is also highly cost effective. Studies continue to show that for every \$1 a community invests in water fluoridation, \$20 are saved in dental treatment costs.”

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. CDC recommends water fluoridation as one of the most practical, cost-effective, equitable, and safe measures a community can take to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health.

CDC thanks the City of Cooperstown for being a part of one of the best fluoridation programs in the country. More than 90% of the people in North Dakota receive optimally fluoridated water and the oral health of our state is improved as a result. The dedication to the quality operation of this and all treatment processes in your water system benefits your customers and North Dakota.



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COOPERSTOWN CITY OF

State of North Dakota

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention commends this water system for its consistent and professional adjustment of the fluoride content to the recommended level for oral health for 12 consecutive months in 2016. High quality water fluoridation, as demonstrated by this water system, is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay and improve the oral health of all community residents.

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