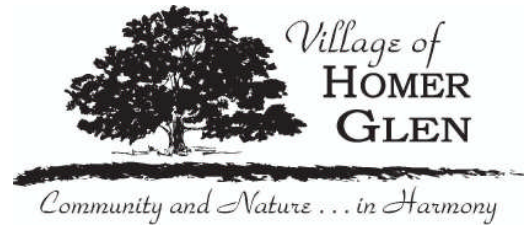


# Media Release



## **Senate Bill 83 Grants Joint Action Water Agency Power to Acquire Bedford Park Water Transmission Pipeline**

**Homer Glen, (August 29, 2011)**

On Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Governor Quinn signed Senate Bill 83, which asserts that a water system owned by a private utility providing water to customers located in two or more municipalities may be acquired by a majority (instead of "either or all") of the municipalities it serves by eminent domain, and if the system is to be acquired by more than one municipality, then there must be an intergovernmental agreement. Homer Glen, Bolingbrook, Romeoville, Woodridge, and Lemont, members of the Joint Action Water Agency (JAWA) now have the legal ability to move forward in their bid to acquire American Lake Water's (a subsidiary of Illinois American Water) Bedford Park water transmission pipeline. "I want to thank Governor Quinn for signing this bill into law," stated Jim Daley, Mayor. Homer Glen will finally have the ability to control our destiny by keeping water rates affordable for residents," the Mayor continued.

Homer Glen and the four other municipalities will be meeting shortly to discuss a strategy for acquiring the Bedford Park water transmission pipeline from Illinois American Water. "I am confident that JAWA will work diligently to find an agreeable solution for our residents," continued Mayor Daley. "I look forward to the day when our water rates no longer cost a family a minor fortune to provide a basic necessity," he concluded.

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