



## Aqua America Chairman DeBenedictis to Receive Ellipse Award for Improvement of Quality of Life Through Infrastructure

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**Who:** Aqua America Chairman and CEO Nicholas DeBenedictis will receive the 2010 Ellipse Award for Improvement of Quality of Life Through Infrastructure. Former recipients include Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, Liberty Property Trust Chairman William P. Hankowsky and SEPTA Chairman Pasquale T. Deon Sr.

**What:** The Ellipse Award for the improvement of quality of life through infrastructure is given annually by Pennoni Associates, one of the nation's leading environmental engineering firms, to a member of the community who has improved the quality of life of those around him or her through pioneering or innovative approaches to civil infrastructure development or redevelopment. Improved infrastructure impacts job creation and improves living conditions in a community, and has a ripple effect that spreads to other surrounding communities.

DeBenedictis has led Aqua in fulfilling its mission to its customers: the reliable delivery of quality drinking water--a service that is basic to the quality of life we enjoy in the United States--and the environmentally responsible disposal of wastewater. Aqua's commitment to providing quality water and wastewater services and the capital investment in key water and wastewater infrastructure have thrived under DeBenedictis' stewardship.

DeBenedictis considers the health of our nation's infrastructure to be a top priority, and has led Aqua to invest two billion dollars to improve its plants, tanks, distribution systems and other infrastructure in the last decade (2000-2009). His vision of a world where everyone has access to clean drinking water and good sanitation, as well as his ability to lead change to make those visions a reality, are among the many reasons that he has been chosen as the recipient of the **2010 Ellipse Award**.

Aqua America, Inc. is one of the largest U.S.-based publicly traded water and wastewater utility holding companies, serving approximately 3 million residents in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Indiana, Virginia, Maine, Missouri, South Carolina and Georgia. Aqua America is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WTR.

**When:** Saturday, March 6, 2010, 7 p.m. dinner

**Where:** Water Works Restaurant and Lounge  
640 Waterworks Drive  
Philadelphia, PA

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