

PEATT Pilot Project  
PFAS TESTING  
in the  
Warrington, Warminster, Horsham areas  
Pennsylvania Department of Health

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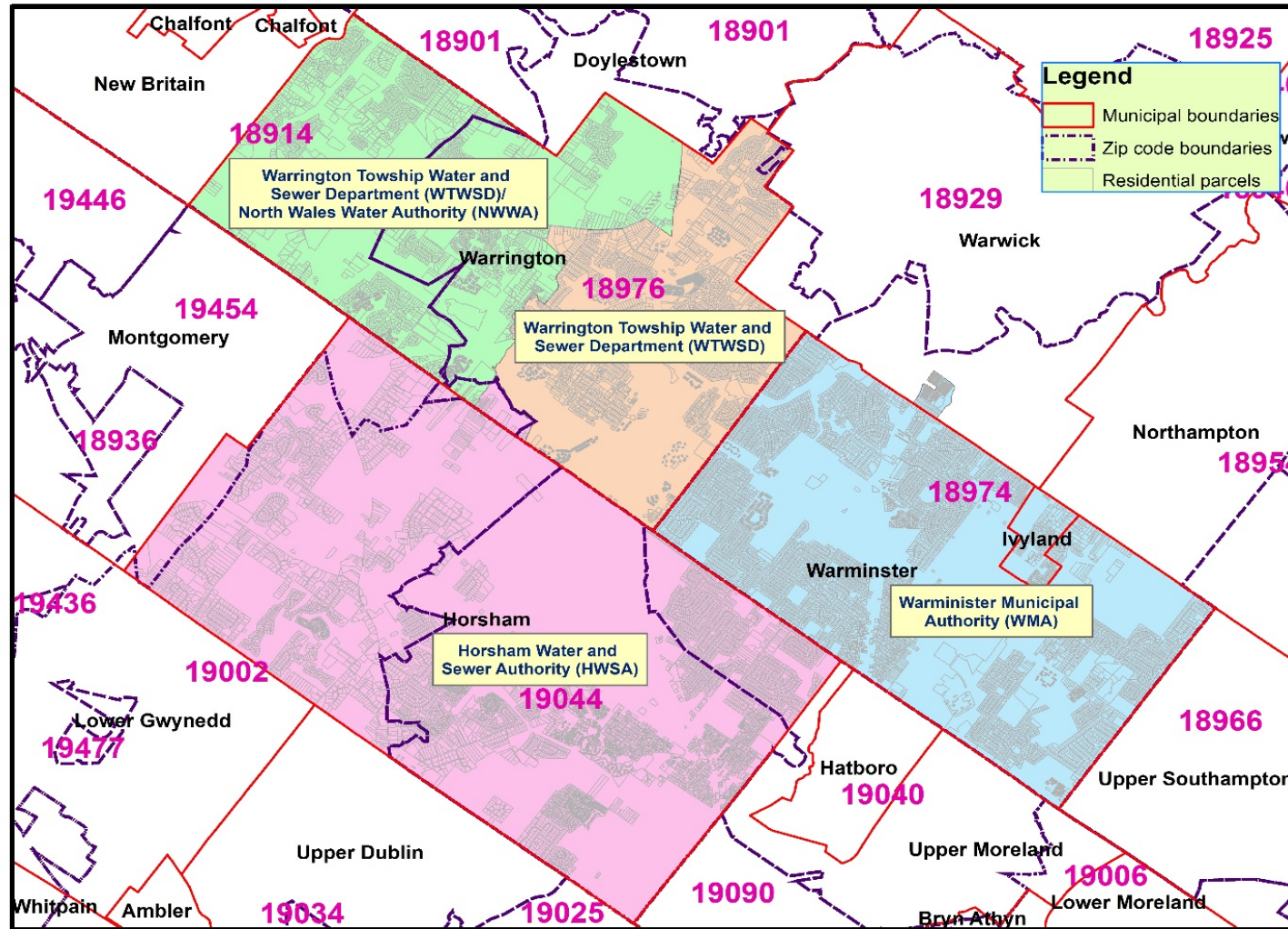
# Project Information

- CDC/ATSDR has developed a toolkit to conduct biomonitoring for PFAS
- Pennsylvania was chosen for the pilot program to evaluate the toolkit
- Feedback from this project-
  - ▀ Used to improve the toolkit
  - ▀ Will support a larger, national study

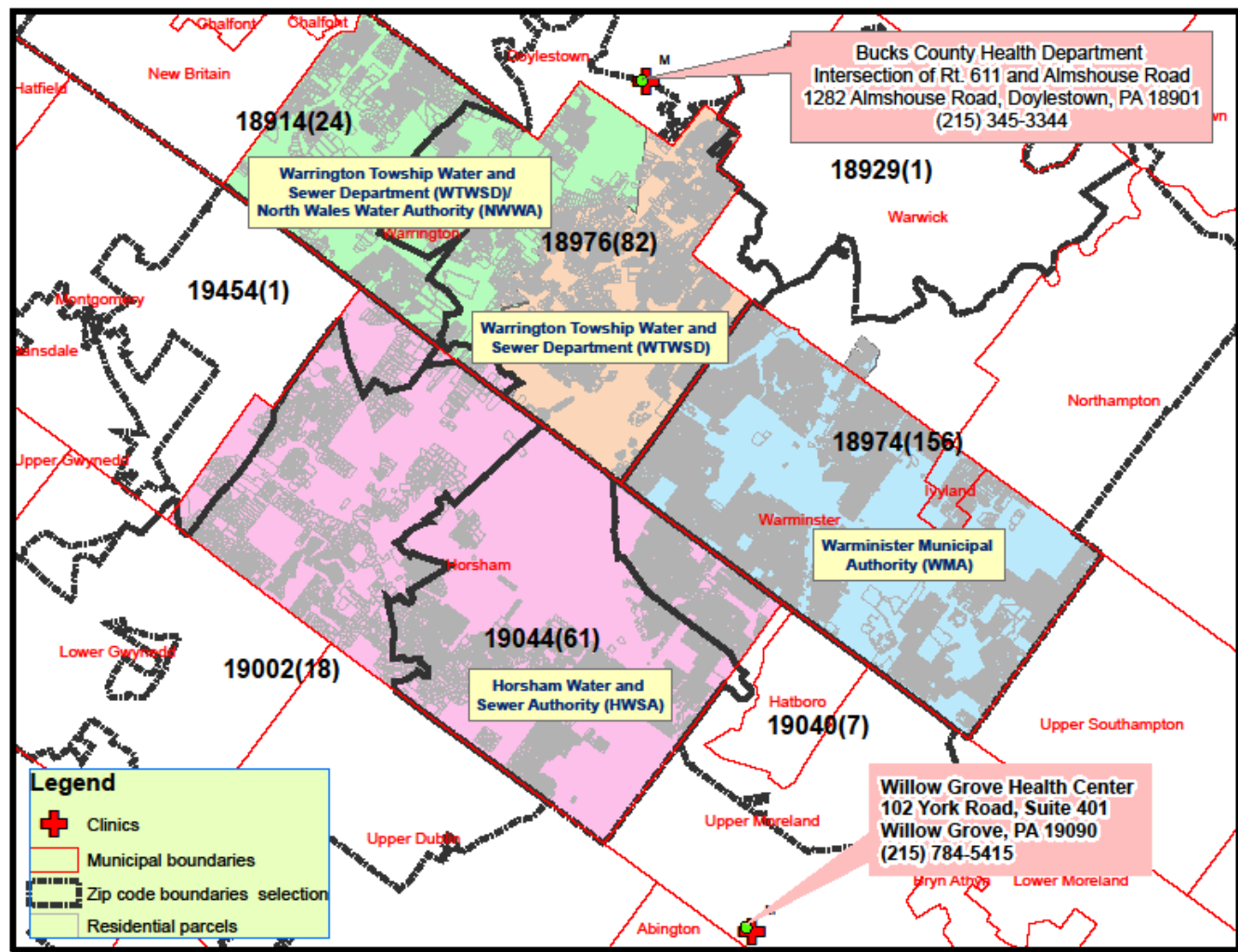
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- We are testing residents exposed through drinking water
- We can only test **500** people
- People must have lived in affected area prior to **July 1, 2016**

# Map of Study Area (Public Water Service Area)



# Households selected for the project



# Project information

- Why not test EVERYONE in the community?
  - ▣ Expensive tests
  - ▣ Can only do 500
  - ▣ We need a sample of respondents representing the entire community
  - ▣ This gives a “snapshot” of the community
- Why not accept volunteers?
  - ▣ Likely to bias the study findings

# ▶ Progress so far...

- As of today...
- 154 households returned forms (out of 350)
- 355 interested participants
  - ▣ 292 adults      63 children
  - ▣ 3 ineligible      9 not interested

# ▶ Progress so far...

- Second reminders sent to households (233)
  - ▣ Mailed on May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - ▣ Returned by May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Made random selection of additional households
  - ▣ 250 Letters sent May 29<sup>th</sup>



# Clinics

- Bucks County Health Department
- Started clinic appointments today
- Held on Wednesday afternoons
  - ▣ Noon-4:00pm
  - ▣ Call for appointment (215)-345-3344
  - ▣ You **MUST** have your completed consent form and questionnaire returned to PADOH

# Clinics

- Willow Grove Health Center (Montgomery Co)
- Appointments starting tomorrow May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Hours by appointment only
- (610)-278-5117 Ext. 6769

# Clinics

- What to do
  - ▣ Wear loose, comfortable clothing
  - ▣ Drink water before appointment to be well-hydrated
  - ▣ No need to fast

# ▶ Laboratory Analysis

- Serum samples will be analyzed by the New York State Public Health Department Laboratory
- Results will be communicated to PADOH

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- The department will communicate the results to the individuals by mail
- The department will help to interpret the results and compare them to the community and to the nation

- [www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Environmental%20Health/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Environmental%20Health/Pages/default.aspx)

[PFAS Exposure Assessment Technical Tools Pilot Program](#)

[Cancer Data Review \(1985-2013\)](#)

[Addendum 1 to Cancer Data Review \(1985-2013\)](#)

[Addendum 2 to Cancer Data Review](#)

[Peruoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances\(PFAS\) Fact Sheet](#)

[Family Tree of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\)](#)

# Contact Information

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at [env.health.concern@pa.gov](mailto:env.health.concern@pa.gov) or by phone at 717-787-3550 (ask for Susan Schrack Wood)

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Questions?