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City of Columbus Drinking Water Report Released

The recently completed City of Columbus Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report is being delivered to water customers' mailboxes beginning this weekend. The report shows that the water pumped to over 1.1 million central Ohio customers meets or exceeds Safe Drinking Water Act requirements and all other state and federal drinking water standards.

"We all play a role in protecting our water resources," said Mayor Andrew J. Ginther. **"We encourage residents to learn more about water conservation and protection by joining the GreenSpot Backyards program, where they will find benefits like discounts on rain barrels, compost bins, native plants, and trees. The city is doing its part to lead by example by implementing green infrastructure through Blueprint Columbus."**

The report, based on 2015 data, includes details about the city's drinking water quality from its three treatment plants, the Hap Cremean Water Plant (the largest), and the Dublin Road and Parsons Avenue water plants. To ensure compliance, the Division of Water's Water Quality Assurance Laboratory staff complete thousands of tests each year related to different organic, inorganic and microbiological water quality parameters. The two surface water plants, Hap Cremean and Dublin Road, and the one ground water plant, Parsons Avenue, have been under heavy construction the past few years to upgrade infrastructure, expand treatment capability and meet new drinking water regulatory standards.

"Having adequate supplies of clean, safe drinking water is important for central Ohio's continued prosperity and is a major advantage Columbus has over other regions in attracting and retaining residents and businesses," said City Councilmember Michael Stinziano, chairperson of the Public Utilities Committee.

The EPA requires that all water utilities distribute reports on source and treated water quality to their customers. The Columbus report can be viewed at columbus.gov/utilities. To learn more about the GreenSpot Backyards program, a partnership program with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, please visit greenspotbackyards.org. Customers with any water quality related questions may call the Columbus Water Quality Assurance Laboratory at (614) 645-7691.