

MARIS MEDIA Filtered Water Ranks As Some of The Best Tasting Water In The World

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Berkeley Springs, WV- The [Village of Oxford Michigan](#) has some of the best tasting water in the world! This according to officials at the 21st annual Berkeley Springs Water Tasting Contest. The water was first judged on Thursday, February 24th by a panel of preliminary round judges. Then passed onto the final round and judged by a panel of 12 on Saturday. All of the judges in the competition were trained and given instruction from Water Master Michael Cervin. Some of the judges described Oxford water as “clear” and the flavor as “clean.” City Manager Joe Young was pleased with the results having recently built a new water treatment plant.

The plant was a design build project of [Artesian of Pioneer](#), a company who specializes in water treatment. The new plant went on-line in the May of 2009. The Village liked AOP’s design build approach for its overall cost savings and sole source accountability. In addition the AOP plant has saved the village money in operation and maintenance costs. AOP President Ed Kidston explains the treatment process, “the water is drawn into the plant from the municipal wells where it goes through a series of treatment stages: Aeration, Chlorination/Detention, Filtration and Softening, then it is pumped into the distribution system for use by the people of Oxford.” While the plant process is nothing new, the Oxford plant does utilize a new technology. “Oxford’s water is filtered using our MARIS Media, it is a new age filter media designed to remove the bad tasting minerals and contaminants while allowing some of the good tasting minerals to pass through.” In addition to having a good water source with well built equipment, the final key ingredient to good water is proper operation.

[Highland Treatment](#) is the firm charged with operating the water plant. Employees from Highland Treatment visit the plant daily to confirm that the plant is performing the way that it’s designed and meeting MDEQ standards. Highland Treatment President John Dowson says “Our goal with any water plant is to produce consistently safe, good tasting water day in and day out. This water plant allows us to do that with very little problems and adjustments.”

Overall, a good source, good treatment equipment and good operators produce pretty darn good water in the Village of Oxford. So the next time you pay 1 dollar or more for a 20 ounce bottle of water, consider the fact that some of the best tasting water in the world is produced and delivered right to your tap for less than 1 cent per gallon.