

- Intergovernmental Cooperation

- The Northwest Water Commission approached the Village in 2012 regarding their interest in a redundant water supply from Lake Michigan and the Village and Northwest Water Commission discussed the feasibility of a partnership where the Village would supply raw water to the Northwest Water Commission in exchange for financial assistance in building a new plant. While the Village remains a potential option, the Northwest Water Commission is considering alternatives outside of Glencoe.
- The Village is currently evaluating alternative intergovernmental cooperation opportunities as well.
- Highland Park has indicated it has the capacity to supply the Village with water. If the Village purchases water from Highland Park, the Village will need to build new water infrastructure, such as a booster station and water transmission mains, for the Village's water system to handle the inflow of water from Highland Park.
- The Village currently has emergency interconnections with its neighbors for emergency and short-term planned outages. These would not be sufficient for a permanent supply of water to residents and businesses.
- If the Village purchases water from Highland Park, the Village will not have a water treatment plant in the future. If this option is evaluated further, an aspect of the evaluation would include options for reusing the land where the current plant is located.
- The Village and Highland Park are required to meet the same regulatory standards for safety and quality of drinking water.
- The Village is studying the cost of purchasing water from Highland Park, which would include one-time costs to build infrastructure necessary to purchase water and the ongoing cost of purchasing water.
- Rates and length of a contract would be handled through negotiations with Highland Park. The Village has had preliminary discussions with Highland Park but has not begun negotiating a water purchase rate. Water rate negotiations would commence later in the evaluation process if the Village opts to further pursue the water purchase option.
- The total opinion of probable construction cost for connecting with Highland Park is \$5,600,000. This includes necessary Village infrastructure improvements such as a booster station and large water transmission mains, and does not include the ongoing cost of water purchased.
- The Village would no longer produce water but would still need to maintain and improve its distribution system to deliver water to residents and businesses.
- The Village would need to construct a new reservoir and pump station.