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## **INTERNATIONAL WATER TASTING CONTEST FEATURES WESTMINSTER CITY WATER**

### **The taste of Westminster City water ranked 17<sup>th</sup> among 47 competing municipalities in the USA and Canada**

*Westminster, MD* – Competing as the only municipality from Maryland, Westminster entered into the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting contest held in Berkeley Springs, WV. It is the largest water tasting competition in the world. In the tap water category, Westminster City water placed 17<sup>th</sup> among the 47 competing municipalities from the U.S. and Canada.

Municipal waters compete for the coveted honor of best tasting tap water, bottled water in both still and sparkling forms, and purified drinking water. More than 200 people watched at the Country Inn in Berkeley Springs as a dozen media judges spent hours tasting more than 125 waters from 24 states and ten foreign countries. Bottled water came literally from all over the globe to compete, including for the first time water from Brazil and China. The Brazilians and Chinese competed against other international waters including those from New Zealand, Macedonia, Italy, Japan and Ecuador as well as long time festival favorite, Bosnia. A total of 49 bottled waters were tasted.

For more information on the contest, visit the website at <http://berkeleysprings.com/water/>.

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*The City of Westminster Public Works Department is located at 56 West Main Street. The department is responsible for overseeing the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants, and the Utility Maintenance and Street Departments. For more information, call 410-848-9000 or visit [www.westminstermd.gov](http://www.westminstermd.gov).*