**Galway County Council**

**Tuam Town Water Distribution**

**Contractor : Coffey Construction (I) Ltd.**

**Consulting Engineers : Ryan Hanley**

**Director of Services : Jim Cullen**



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**Summary**

**The Water Services contract in Tuam was the largest single Civils contract ever undertaken by the Water Services Section of Galway County Council. Water Conservation was a major element of this project accounting for approximately 23% of the final certified account. The Water Conservation element consisted of replacing approximately 30km** of watermains and the major project milestones are as follows :

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| **Description** | **Date** |
| Tenders advertised  | 30 August, 2007 |
| Closing date for tenders | 26 October, 2007 |
| Report on Tenders submitted to Department | 17 July, 2008 |
| Department approval to tenders  | 30 October, 2008 |
| Contract signed | 29 January, 2010 |
| Commencement Date | 15 March, 2010 |
| Certificate of Substantial Completion | 15 June, 2012 |
| Maintenance Certificate | 16 August, 2013 |

The success of the project in relation to water conservation cannot be disputed with the levels of UFW in Tuam falling from 52% in 2008 to 32.35% in October 2015. That represents an improvement of 38% which has many benefits both in terms of input costs saved, and capital expenditure deferred and it also leaves Tuam secure in terms of water services capacity to attract future industry and population expansion.

**Funding**

The project was funded by way of grant assistance from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and borrowings by Galway County Council to fund the marginal cost of the scheme.

The Department in turn recoups part of that funding from European Structural Funds.