

Project Information

Overall, the City of South Haven's utility systems are in very poor condition and failing. The existing drinking water distribution system contains significant **bacterial slime** (pictured) and mold growth. The water tower has interior and exterior lead-based paint issues and structural deficiencies. Poor sanitary sewer piping has led to residential sewer backups. Storm sewer improvements are needed to prevent current flooding events resulting from a failed storm system and poor road elevations.

Phase 1 (Funded & In Progress)

Current Phase 1 utility work totaling \$7.3 million began fall of 2022. It has been funded and includes:

- New well & well house with watermain connection
- New water tower
- Watermain distribution system work
- New Main Lift Station

Project Scope of Phase 2

Future Phase 2 work totaling \$10.7 million will allow for the remaining utility system improvements needed including:

- Watermain replacement Required to alleviate bacterial slime. PPL Score #15 Rank 19
- Lift station road access project To prevent flooding by raising the access road. PPL Score #20 Rank 268
- Stormwater outlet improvements Current outlet is insufficient and leads to considerable flooding and backups.



Project Affordability at a Glance

- The population of South Haven is 185.
- The town is in the northwest corner of Wright County on State Highway 55, 20 miles South of St. Cloud.
- The median household income in South Haven is just \$45,000 a year, with a poverty rate of 15.6%.
- Federal, State, County & City funds were utilized to pay for Phase 1.
- Phase 1 costs are \$7.3 million total.
- The remaining cost for Phase 2 is \$10.7 million.

South Haven Investment Phase 1 \$7,300,000

Phase 2 \$10,700,000 City of South Haven Rural Dev/ HUD \$5,100,000 MN Legislative Bonding: \$5,600,000

South Haven knows this final project will improve the quality of life, health, safety, and well-being for the residents and visitors to their community. The City of South Haven is respectfully requesting \$5.6 million in Minnesota Legislative Bonding to leverage Federal and City funding proposed to complete Phase 2.