

Protect Minnesota's Waters

Call on the Legislature to pass **HF1100/SF1000** to provide \$100M for clean water infrastructure grant and loan programs.

In 2020, the Minnesota Legislature passed a bonding bill that included significant funding for clean water infrastructure grant and loan programs administered by the Public Facilities Authority (PFA).

Despite this historic investment, the PFA programs remain underfunded and dozens of critical projects are currently on the waiting list.

This year, we are asking the Legislature to continue its commitment to clean water by passing \$100 million in funding for the PFA programs to help protect our state's waters and ensure that every Minnesotan has access to clean drinking water.

\$4.12 billion

Estimated amount needed over the next 20 years to keep up with wastewater infrastructure needs statewide, according to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

\$7 billion

Estimated amount needed over the next 20 years to keep up with drinking water infrastructure needs statewide, according to Minnesota Department of Health

Every Minnesotan deserves clean water.

If the Legislature fails to adequately fund PFA clean water infrastructure programs:

- Environmental concerns will persist
- Sewer & water rates will skyrocket as cities struggle to foot the entire bill for critical upgrades
- Unlike in the metro area, cities in Greater Minnesota do not have the ability to share facilities, which means there are fewer residents and businesses to split the costs
- Aging and failing infrastructure will continue to deteriorate, resulting in emergency situations and the need for more costly immediate repairs
- Economic growth will suffer
- Potential for drinking water safety risks
- Construction costs increase as projects are delayed

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MORE THAN 300 MINNESOTA CITIES HAVE CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE WORKS ...

... INCLUDING THESE PROJECTS CURRENTLY AWAITING FUNDING:

- 1 Ely - \$9.2M total project cost**
Plant upgrade to remove mercury from wastewater before it reaches the Rainy River watershed.
- 2 Detroit Lakes - \$1.4M total project cost**
Replacement of aging sanitary sewer system in neighborhood with older housing stock.
- 3 Perham - \$1.27M total project cost**
Project to reconstruct failing water infrastructure in neighborhood with older housing stock.
- 4 Foley - \$19.4M total project cost**
Regionalize wastewater treatment facility to ensure long-term protection of waters.
- 5 Watertown - \$17.4M total project cost**
Plant upgrade to remove phosphorus from wastewater before it reaches the Crow River and to meet demand for residential and business growth.
- 6 Mankato - \$43.3M total project cost**
Plant upgrade to remove more phosphorus and other nutrients from effluent before it reaches the Minnesota River and Lake Pepin.
- 7 Wells - \$6.3M total project cost**
Plant upgrade to remove chloride discharges to the Maple River and reduce or eliminate the need for home water softeners.
- 8 Fairmont - \$19.7M total project cost**
Complete facility upgrades and meet phosphorus regulations prior to discharge into Center Creek and eventually the Minnesota River.