

Sale Tax Exemption: Water Treatment and Tower Construction

Addressing PFAS in Groundwater

Following the 2018 3M Settlement with the State of Minnesota regarding PFAS contamination, the city took immediate action to develop a short and long-term plan to deliver the highest-quality water possible to the community.

Woodbury is making way for a new permanent Woodbury Water Treatment Plant and associated infrastructure to serve the growing community. In the meantime, an expedited plan and construction of a temporary Water Treatment Plant was completed in 2020 and expanded in 2022.

In addition, because of the PFAS issue, the city needed to expedite the design and construction of a 2-million-gallon water storage facility (tower) and one mile of water main to increase distribution and storage capacity for treated water.

Permanent Solution

As an advocate for the residents of Woodbury, the city is working on developing a solution that will serve the community today and long into the future, but it may take time. This is the largest project the City of Woodbury has undertaken, and it stretches across the whole community. Careful and thoughtful design work will take place over the next several years.



After development of a Preliminary Engineering Report, the city approved a plan to treat ALL groundwater wells through:

- ★ Water Treatment Plant and Pipeline Project
- ★ Two new wells
- ★ More than 17 miles of distribution pipelines

With this plan, any future PFAS regulatory action, after the new longterm water treatment plant is built, would not affect the city's ability to successfully meet current and projected drinking water standards.

In the meantime:

The city will continue to strive for our goal of delivering the highest-quality water possible and is proactively planning for both the short-term and long-term health of our community.

Advocating for Funding

The city advocated for 3M settlement dollars to minimize financial impacts to residents, but gaps remain. That is why the city is advocating for a sales tax exemption for the materials and construction of the water treatment plant and water tower associated with the project. The elimination of this tax will reduce the overall project costs for Woodbury residents.

The State of Minnesota drafted a Conceptual Drinking Water Supply Plan that conceptualized long-term alternatives, however, a Water System Master Plan developed by a consultant on behalf of the city, identified gaps in needs and funding.

To date, the city has successfully advocated on behalf of the city to secure:

- 👍 Systemwide treatment
- 👍 Increased Tamarack Wellfield capacity
- 👍 Revised demand from 28.2 to 32 million gallons per day based on updated population and demand projections
- 👍 Increased pipeline size from Tamarack Wellfield
- 👍 Addition of a Water Treatment Plant booster pump station and 4-million-gallon clearwell

The city continues to work on addressing additional funding gaps and opportunities.