



Total Project Cost: \$3,415,000



Funding Sources:

- **Funds Available to City \$800,000**
- **State Bonding Bill \$419,000**
- **Federal Funds Through EPA \$2,196,000**

Dassel Cokato High School Waterline Extension

Project Description:

Construct **10,000 linear feet of 12” and 16” water main** to connect the Dassel-Cokato High School and Middle School campus to the **City of Cokato’s water system**. This project will:

- **Provide safe, palatable drinking water** for students and staff.
- **Support the school’s fire suppression system** for enhanced safety.
- **Increase water capacity to support future economic growth** between the school and the City of Cokato.

Why is the project needed?

Connecting Dassel-Cokato Schools to City Water

The Dassel-Cokato School was built in the early 1970s, with wastewater tied into the City of Cokato’s system and drinking water supplied by an on-site well. Over the years, multiple additions—including a middle school, performing arts center, and recreation center—have expanded the campus.

Currently, the **entire school campus relies on a single well for its water supply**. While the system has been well maintained, it is nearing the end of its serviceable life. Some components are based on **50-year-old technology**, making future repairs and replacements increasingly difficult and costly.

Rather than replacing the existing system, **connecting to the City of Cokato’s water system is the most cost-effective and reliable solution**.



This ensures:

- **Improved safety and reliability** for students and staff, reducing the risk of system failure.
- **Access to professionally managed water treatment**, leveraging the expertise of Cokato’s engineering staff to meet all state and federal drinking water standards.
- **Enhanced fire suppression capabilities** for the school campus.

This project **does not** include water for making ice in the hockey arena or irrigation for the recreation field.

City - School District Partnership:

This project was developed through a close partnership between the City of Cokato and the Dassel-Cokato School District to ensure both current and future palatable water needs are met. Project completion is anticipated in Fall 2026, contingent on funding availability.

