

2023 General Obligation Bond Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project Request HF529 | SF522

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Bagley is requesting \$7,200,000 in general obligation bond funding to support the construction of a critical citywide comprehensive water and sewer project.

Bagley is the County seat of Clearwater County and is in the Clearwater River watershed which closely abuts the Mississippi Headwaters watershed. Improving and maintaining sufficient water and sewer utilities is a critical function for the Bagley and the surrounding areas. Currently, Bagley is treating more effluent than it is pumping out of wells which indicates infiltration into the wastewater system.

Bagley's goal is to assure that residents and commercial users have safe and clean drinking water, and that the citywide sewer infrastructure is not aging to a point where it will be harmful to the environment. The cost to meet these goals is significant. Without state assistance, households and businesses will be severely impacted by the cost to finance the project. Bagley has secured a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to assist in financing the project, but it carries an interest rate that will have a disparate impact on Bagley's budget and the cost burden will fall on rate and property taxpayers. It will also put a strain on Bagley's resources to address other public services such as fire, police, and local roads. Any general obligation bonds received will help alleviate the financial pressure on the residents and businesses of Bagley and ensure that Bagley provides high quality services to our residents and surrounding communities.

BAGLEY BY THE NUMBERS

- 2021 Population: 1,436
- Residential Water Customers: 439
- Residential Sewer Customers: 454
- Commercial Water Customers: 142
- Commercial Sewer Customers: 139
- Median Household Income: \$38,800
- % Homeowners: 51.6%
- Poverty Rate: 17%
- Veterans: 136 (10% of the population), of which, 75 are disabled

Bagley, Minnesota Gateway to Itasca

Project Scope

- Replace 21,470 linear feet of waste-water main (map below)
- Replace 24,904 linear feet of water main (map below)
- Water Distribution Replacement
- Water Supply & Treatment Rehabilitation
- Water Storage Rehabilitation
- Wastewater Collection Replacement
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Rehabilitation



Project Element	2023 Cost
Wastewater Collection System	\$6,550,700
Wastewater Lift Station Rehabilitation	\$85,800
Wastewater Treatment Facility	\$85,800
Water Supply & Treatment	\$187,200
Elevated Water Tower Rehabilitation	\$689,000
Water Distribution System	\$9,124,700
Water Meters	\$218,400
Stormwater Improvements	\$274,300
Total Project Cost	\$17,374,500
2023 G.O. Bond Request	\$7,200,000