



## Braham Water Infrastructure Request

[SF 1692](#) – Sen. Koran / [HF 1447](#) – Rep. Johnson

**Braham** has pressing water infrastructure needs in excess of \$20 million to serve a community of 1,800 people - and cannot reasonably address these issues on its own without suffering undue financial hardship. The City hasn't asked for state bonding help in the past, but now faces huge fiscal challenges - not only with water infrastructure costs – but with extensive street repair burdens.

- ✓ Located above a high water table, Braham straddles the edges of two major watersheds with water flowing into the Mississippi via the Rum River and the St. Croix via the Snake River. This area is an especially vulnerable environmental location.



- ✓ More than 80% of the wastewater collection system is old, crumbling clay tiling that has far-exceeded its expected service life, and numerous water mains are cast iron with lead fittings. Failing treatment facilities and the lack of modern automation drive unnecessarily high daily labor costs.



- ✓ Braham is experiencing commercial growth - including a high water-demand meat processing plant expected to break ground soon - and residential development pressures are rising, but the water infrastructure is not adequate to meet the projected steady growth.

### **Braham G.O. Bonding Request specifics:**

Drinking Water – Watermain replacement in various locations - \$12.45 million cost

Wastewater System - Collection system & Treatment plant upgrades - \$8.204 million cost

### **Braham State G.O. Bonding Request - \$10.227 million of the \$20.654 total cost**

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