

City of Hibbing: Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Bonding 2026 Request

Aging Sewer Infrastructure Threatens Public Health and Water Quality

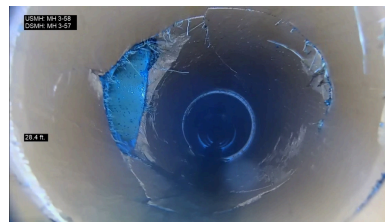
Hibbing’s sanitary sewer system – built mostly between 1920 and 1960 using clay tile pipe – spans more than 90 miles. Much of it is deteriorated, allowing stormwater and groundwater inflow (I/I) into the system. These leaks overload treatment facilities, increase costs and raise the risk of sewer failures.

A Proven, Cost-Effective Fix Without Digging Up Streets

The project installs structural liners inside existing sewer mains (6–24 inches). This trenchless method eliminates cracked pipes and misaligned joints, prevents future I/I, extends system life, and meets MPCA compliance – without costly excavation.

A Decade of Progress – and Proven Results

Since 2013, Hibbing has successfully rehabilitated 24.87 miles of sewer main at a cost of about \$6 million. The results are tangible: average daily wastewater treatment has decreased from 2.6 million gallons per day in 2013 to 2.1 million gallons per day in 2023 – proof that our investment is yielding real returns. Yet, significant work remains. An April 2024 Capital Improvement Plan estimates that \$13.6 million needed for 33.14 miles identified as priority rehabilitation. Continued investment will reduce maintenance costs, protect public health, and ensure environmental compliance.



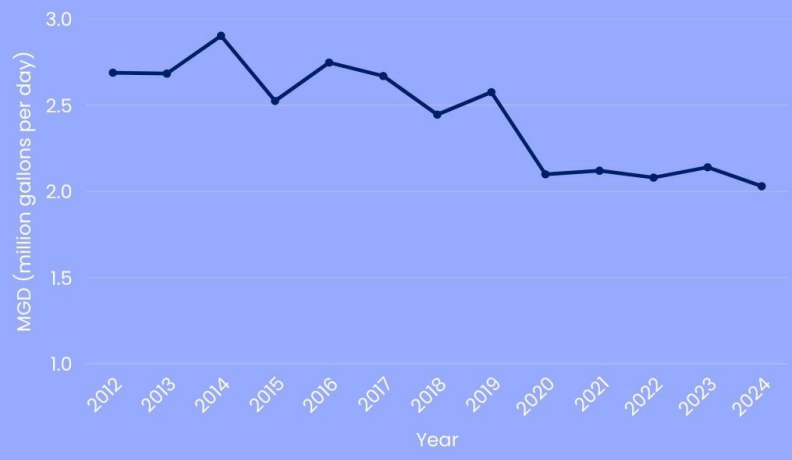
Pre-liner installation



Post-liner installation



Average Daily Wastewater Treatment



\$13.6 Million Needed to Complete the Job

We are asking for financial support to sustain this proven, effective project. Every dollar invested reduces long-term maintenance and treatment costs, safeguards public health, protects water quality, and fulfills regulatory obligations. The City of Hibbing is committed to finishing this essential work – but we need funding partners to make it happen.

Invest in a Cleaner, Safer Hibbing

Every dollar invested prevents costly failures, protects water quality, and fulfills state and federal mandates. The City of Hibbing is committed to completing this essential work – with your partnership.