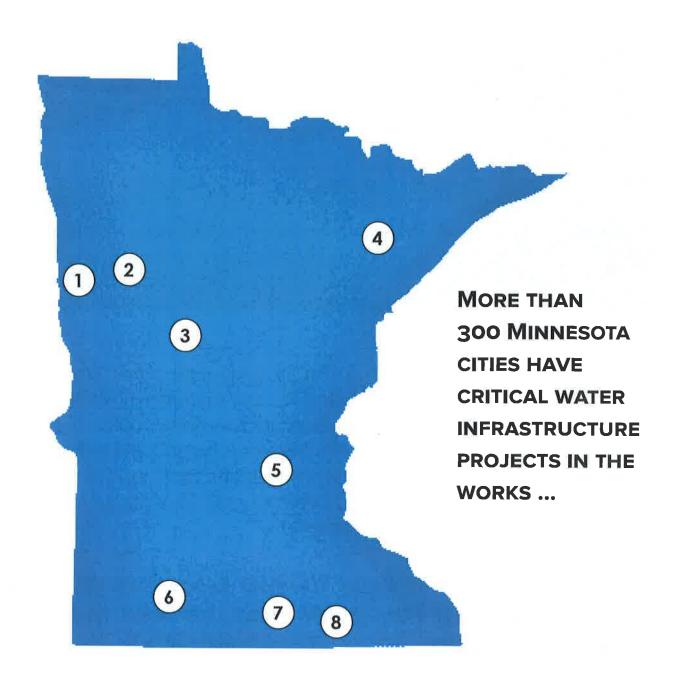


Water infrastructure grant and loan programs administered by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority are currently underfunded, and approximately **\$67 million is needed this year** to keep pace with growing need. This need is not going away — and it will only increase in the years ahead. According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, more than \$5 billion is needed over the next 20 years to keep up with water infrastructure needs statewide.

## IF THE LEGISLATURE FAILS TO PASS A BONDING BILL IN 2019 THAT FUNDS THE FULL \$67M NEED, MINNESOTA WILL FALL FURTHER BEHIND.

- Environmental concerns will persist
- Sewer & water rates will skyrocket as cities struggle to foot the entire bill for critical upgrades
- Unlike in the metro area, cities in Greater Minnesota do not have the ability to share facilities, which means there are fewer residents and businesses to split the costs
- Aging and failing instructure will continue to deterioriate, resulting in emergency situations and the need for more costly immediate repairs
- · Economic growth will suffer
- Potential for drinking water safety risks
- Construction costs increase as projects are put on hold





## ... INCLUDING THESE PROJECTS CURRENTLY AWAITING FUNDING:

- Barnesville \$4M total project cost
  Replace 70-year-old sewer lines in an older part of
  town and replace lining on the wastewater facility to
  prevent leakage.
- 2 Detroit Lakes \$2.7M total project cost Replace aging water main.
- Staples \$10-12M total project cost
  Construct wastewater plant to reduce organics,
  nutrients and heavy metals that go into the
  Mississippi River.
- Hoyt Lakes \$8.8M total project cost

  Plant upgrade to remove mercury from water flowing into Lake Superior required by the Great Lakes Initiative.

- Loretto \$1.5M total project cost
  Project to connect to the MCES regional sewer system to eliminate the city's discharge to surface water.
- Mountain Lake \$11.5M total project cost
  Upgrade aging facility to remove more nutrient pollution from the wastewater system.
- Wells \$6.3M total project cost
  Plant upgrade to reverse osmosis/lime softening
  to reduce or eliminate home softeners and remove
  chloride discharges to the Maple River.
- **8** Austin \$2M total project cost Upgrade failing septic systems that directly discharge to surface water and pose imminent public health threats.