

Clean water is Minnesota

**CALL ON THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS SF 587/HF 411 TO FUND \$67M
FOR CRITICAL CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

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 infrastructure will continue to deteriorate, 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



**MORE THAN
300 MINNESOTA
CITIES HAVE
CRITICAL WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS IN THE
WORKS ...**

... INCLUDING THESE PROJECTS CURRENTLY AWAITING FUNDING:

- 1 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.
- 3 Staples - \$10-12M total project cost**
Construct wastewater plant to reduce organics, nutrients and heavy metals that go into the Mississippi River.
- 4 Hoyt Lakes - \$8.8M total project cost**
Plant upgrade to remove mercury from water flowing into Lake Superior required by the Great Lakes Initiative.
- 5 Loretto - \$1.5M total project cost**
Project to connect to the MCES regional sewer system to eliminate the city's discharge to surface water.
- 6 Mountain Lake - \$11.5M total project cost**
Upgrade aging facility to remove more nutrient pollution from the wastewater system.
- 7 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.