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The City of St. Augusta (City) receives part of its water supply from neighboring St. Cloud and distributes it through their municipal water distribution system, which was constructed in 2003. Water is received from the St. Cloud water system through two connections – one near the middle of the City's distribution system and one at the north end. The water supply contract between the two cities is set to expire in 2026 and St. Augusta is in need of a water supply, treatment, and storage system.

The majority of St. Augusta is not served by the water supply from St. Cloud. Of the 3,495 people living in St. Augusta, only 1,150 are connected to the water system. In 2017, the average daily demand (ADD) was 71,250 gallons per day (gpd) and the maximum day demand (MDD) was 134,186 gpd.

However, recent population projections for St. Augusta predict a 2040 population of 4,502. Even so, while the population estimate still expects nearly half of residents will NOT be served by the current water system, the water demand of the service area is anticipated to grow by more than double.

In 2003, the City built its distribution system and ultimately connected to St. Cloud's water distribution system. In 2002, when the original planning was done for this project, it was noted that as St. Augusta continued to grow, future planning for the City would have to include a water tower, treatment system, and water supply of its own.

In 2013, improvements to the original connection were made and a second connection to the St. Cloud system was constructed in 2014 to provide St. Augusta residents with redundancy in supply. The connection improvements took place after the original water supply contract between the cities was renewed in 2013. As mentioned previously, the contract with St. Cloud will expire and the time is now for St. Augusta to plan, design, and construct a water system to serve the growing population effectively.