City of Hanley Falls

Drinking Water | Wastewater



The City of Hanley Falls is facing **critical wastewater issues** due to its aging infrastructure. The key issues include **excessive infiltration and inflow into the sanitary sewer** caused by **cracked clay pipes**, which leak at joints every 4-6 feet, and the use of **deteriorating Orangeburg pipes**, made from tar-soaked cardboard. These pipes, originally used in the post-WWII era as a low-cost option, are now failing and beyond repair. As a result, the city's wastewater treatment facility is overloaded, leading to the discharge of **untreated wastewater into the Yellow Medicine River** multiple times a year.

Funded • Completed

Phase 1

Phase 1 utility work totaled \$6.1 million and was completed Summer of 2024 which included:

- Water distribution system work
- New remote-read water meters
- Sewer collection system work
- New pond structure
- Installation of storm sewer lines.

Funds Needed

Phases 2 Project Scope

Phase 3 utility work will total \$13 million and will begin once funding is secured. This project includes:

- Replacing remaining portions of failing sanitary sewer CW PPL: 11
- Replacing watermain that dates back to the 1890's (including isolated lead pipe segments that are known to exist, but will not be detectable through the Lead Service Line inventory process, due to lack of adequate records)

Project Affordability

- The population of Hanley Falls is 243.
- The town is in Yellow Medicine County just off State Highway 23, 20 miles Northeast of Marshall.
- City only has a 4% net tax capacity
- Federal, State, and City funds were utilized to pay for Phase 1.
- As part of this project, the city will establish a reserve/replacement account.
- Introduced HF 622
- Introduced SF 150



Orangeburg Sewer Service Pipe

City of Hanley Falls Phase 1 Total Costs: \$6.1M Phase 2 Total Cost: \$13.0M

Falls/RD/HUD: 6.6M MN Legislative Bonding \$6.4M

Why Your Support Matters Now

Hanley Falls knows this final project will improve the quality of life, health, safety, and well-being for the residents and visitors to their community, as well as reduce the environmental impact to the Yellow Medicine River. The City of Hanley Falls is respectfully requesting **\$6.4 million** in Minnesota Legislative Bonding to leverage Federal and City funding proposed to complete Phase 2.