



# Wastewater Treatment Facility FUNDING

## Why does Cologne need funding?



Nearing hydraulic capacity of the facility



Exceeding current MPCA Effluent Phosphorus Limits and has received notices of violations



Existing infrastructure is approximately 25 years old and needs replacement



Environmentally responsible for the State of Minnesota



Keep user rates affordable

## What is Cologne doing to prepare for the improvements?

The City has completed a wastewater facility plan and submitted to the MPCA. The City also continues to optimize the operation of the treatment facility. The City has started preliminary design work for the proposed improvements. The City has applied for Clean Water Revolving Fund and Point Source Implementation Grant programs and the City is on the current Intended Use Plan. The construction industry has been volatile in recent months with regards to material costs and lead times. The current total project price is estimated at \$12-\$15 million.

## How does improving infrastructure benefit Cologne and Minnesota?

- Protect Benton Lake and downstream waters of the Minnesota River basin
- Good Stewards for the Environment
- Maintain Viability of a Growing Community

## What are the impacts to the community if this is not funded?

Cologne's current facility is over 25 years old and needs upgrades to meet current permit standards and to accommodate growth. Left unfunded, the City would require significant user rate increases, potential moratoriums on growth and inability to meet treatment standards.

**\$12-15 M**  
needed to fund improvements

**\$10 M**  
grant request to maintain affordable rates

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