

# City of Dennison

Drinking Water | Wastewater Improvements



The City of Dennison is in dire need of water utility improvements. In July of 2025, MDH issued a **notice of violation** to the city for **exceeding contaminant levels for gross alpha and radium**. Currently, the city lacks the proper capacity and treatment abilities to address this contamination in its system. Similarly, the city's wastewater systems are also failing due to high levels of inflow/infiltration, which increase the risk of sewer backups and bypass pumping. In 2020 and 2023 MPCA issued **notices of violation** for discharges outside of the acceptable discharge period. Substantial improvements to the drinking and wastewater systems is required in order to address the immediate health and sanitation risks in its community.

## Funds Needed

### Project Scope

Utility work needed totals \$15.9 million and would begin once funding is secured.

- Drilling/installing one new municipal well
- Rehabilitate existing municipal well
- Rehabilitate existing well house/water treatment plant
- Rehabilitate elevated storage tank/water tower
- Add new watermains to properly loop the system
- Replace portions of the sanitary sewer collection system
- Expand and rehabilitate sanitary sewer pond systems



Condition of Water Tower from 2023 Inspection Report

## Project Affordability

- The population of Dennison is 223 people.
- 89 utility connections
- 40% of the households are low to moderate income households.
- Median household income per year is only \$41,875.
- Only a 3% Net Tax Capacity
- Current average utility rates are \$100/mo, could exceed \$260/mo without bond request
- 2026 PPL-439, 440, 648, 649



## Why Your Support Matters Now

Dennison knows this project will improve the quality of life, health, safety, and well-being for the residents and visitors to their community. The City of Dennison is respectfully requesting **\$7 million** in Legislative dollars to leverage Federal, State, and City funding proposed to complete this project.