

Background

For many decades, repairs and upgrades to water infrastructure have been deferred, threatening public health, causing environmental damage, and increasing the cost of repairs and upgrades. The MI Clean Water Plan will provide significant resources to communities to rebuild Michigan’s water infrastructure systems. This historic \$500 million investment utilizes existing federal and state resources to provide drinking water and wastewater grants to our communities without raising taxes. The MI Clean Water Plan invests \$207.1 million in clean drinking water and \$293 million in safe wastewater management projects.

Investment in Drinking Water Quality

Funding from prior years sets aside \$207.1 million to address drinking water needs, including:

- Lead Service Line Replacement in Disadvantaged Communities Program - \$102.1 million
- Lead and Copper - Drinking Water Asset Management Grants - \$37.5 million
- PFAS and Emerging Contaminants - Contamination and Consolidation Grants - \$25 million
- Non-Lead Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants - \$35 million
- Affordability and Planning Grants - \$7.5 million

Investment in Wastewater Protection

The FY 2022 Executive Recommendation invests the remaining \$290 million in wastewater protection. Bonding authority remaining from the voter-approved Great Lakes Water Quality Protection Bond of 2002 provides funding for these grants:

- Clean Water Infrastructure Grants (eliminating sanitary sewer overflows; correcting combined sewer overflows; increasing green infrastructure) - \$235 million
- Substantial Public Health Risk Grants (removing direct and continuous discharges of raw sewage from surface or ground water) - \$20 million
- Failing Septic System Elimination Program - \$35 million

An additional \$3 million will be granted to locals for stormwater, asset management, and wastewater projects.

The MI Clean Water Plan is key to ensuring every Michigan resident has access to clean and affordable drinking water, protecting public health, and protecting our surface water and ground water resources. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 15 jobs are created for every \$1 million invested in water infrastructure. The MI Clean Water Plan will encourage economic growth and is anticipated to create over 7,500 jobs in our communities.