

# INVESTING IN THE STATE'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

## MI CLEAN WATER PLAN

### THE PROBLEM

Michigan is home to 21% of the world's fresh water. But, unfortunately, too many residents are not comfortable drinking the water coming from their tap or visiting their local river or lake. After decades of disinvestment in clean water, the state faces a long list of challenges—including unaffordable water rates, lead-laden water service lines, toxic contamination like Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), sewers that can't meet demand, and failing septic systems. Thankfully, over the last two years, Michigan has made significant progress. Governor Whitmer will continue to use all of the tools at her disposal to protect drinking water and public health, and rebuild Michigan's infrastructure. Analyses have shown that Michigan's annual gap in water and sewer infrastructure investments is \$800 million to fully upgrade the state's water infrastructure.

### GOVERNOR WHITMER'S PLAN

**The MI Clean Water plan uses existing resources to take aggressive steps toward cleaner water for all Michigan residents.** The MI Clean Water plan invests \$500 million in federal dollars, state bonding authority, and existing state revenues into a comprehensive water infrastructure package. This historic investment can be made without raising taxes.

#### Clean Drinking Water:

- Lead Service Line Replacement in Disadvantaged Communities Program - \$102 million
- Drinking Water Asset Management Grants - \$37.5 million
- Consolidation and Contamination Risk Reduction Grants - \$25 million
- Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants - \$35 million
- Affordability and Planning Grants - \$7.5 million

#### Safe Wastewater Management:

- 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
- Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater Grants - \$3 million

These dollars will support communities in every corner of Michigan in creating jobs, protecting public health, and protecting Michigan's drinking water and Great Lakes. With the EPA estimating that every \$1 million invested in water infrastructure creates 15 jobs, this plan will provide a major boost of over 7,500 jobs to Michigan's economy as it recovers from the global pandemic. These infrastructure investments will support communities and workers across the state while they work to recover from the ongoing economic crisis. The MI Clean Water Plan is a critical step towards ensuring all Michiganders have access to clean, affordable drinking water and healthy surface and groundwater. Now, it's time for the legislature to take action and pass these bills.