

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 – 10:00 am

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2026
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Proposed FY2027 Budget – Verbrugge
5. Hydrant Fee Billing Option – Giffel
6. Kent County Community Action Q1 Summary – Giffel
7. Senate Bill No. 950 – Jernberg
8. Senate Bill No. 951 - Jernberg
9. Updates
 - a. 2026 Water/Sewer Report (April) – McCaul
 - b. Water Affordability Bills – Jernberg
 - c. Water and Sewer Connection Policy - Jernberg
10. Public Comments
11. Items from Members
12. Next Meeting – June 18, 2026
13. Adjournment

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, April 16, 2026

MINUTES

Members Present

Mike DeVries, Jared Grabinski, Jim Kirkwood, Doug La Fave, Samarhia Giffel, Doug Matthews, Jeff McCaul, Lindsay Sagorski Munsell, and Tai Verbrugge

Alternates Present

Alan Avitia, Scott Conners, and Nick Fisher

Others Present

Kolene Allen and Reina Watanabe

Call to Order

Mr. La Fave called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. DeVries and seconded by Ms. Giffel.

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Grabinski and seconded by Ms. Giffel.

MOTION CARRIED.

Residential Hydrant Connection Program

Ms. Giffel provided a memo titled *Elimination of Residential Hydrant Connection Rentals*. A copy of the memo is on file.

Members briefly discussed the information presented. It was noted that hydrant connection fees will be removed from the next rate study. No action was taken.

Add-to-Tax Summer Tax Option

Ms. Giffel provided a memo on the *Add-to-Tax Summer Tax Option*. A copy of the memo is on file.

Members discussed the information presented. Communities interested in participating in this option were asked to notify Ms. Giffel by May 15, 2026. No action was taken.

Updates

2026 Water/Sewer Report (March)

Mr. McCaul presented the *Water/Sewer Report for March*. A copy of the report is on file.

Members received the report. No action was taken.

Quarterly Financials (Q3)

Mr. Verbrugge presented a report on the third quarter financials. A copy of the report is on file.

Members received the report and discussed the information presented. No action was taken.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Items from Members

- Ms. Allen reported that the 2025 Consumer Confidence Reports are available. Members were asked to let her know if they would like additional copies for their communities
- Mr. Avita reported that a payment to the PFAS settles in the amount of \$200,000 was received that day.
- Mr. Grabinski reported that staff have been busy responding to and preparing for additional flooding as the Grand River is expected to continue rising. Approximately 20,000 sandbags are being filled in preparation, and the floodwall is being closely monitored. He noted that if any communities need assistance, Grand Rapids will provide support where possible.
- Mr. Verbrugge reminded customer communities that they should let Grand Rapids staff know if they want changes made to their USD maps. These will be voted on in June.
- Mr. La Fave thanked Mr. Fisher for his coordination with the East Grand Rapids team on the Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) inspection on the Woodlawn tank. He also reported to Ms. Giffel that East Grand Rapids received their meter for their connection at Manhattan Park and will reach out to her next week to coordinate for whatever is needed. Lastly, he mentioned that East Grand Rapids has a mutual aid contract with six

cities, and if Grand Rapids needs assistance preparing for additional flooding, to please reach out to him and he can see what aid is available.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 am.

City of Grand Rapids Water & Sewer Systems

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD - FY2027 BUDGET REVIEW PRESENTATION

MAY 21, 2026

Water - Financial Overview

- FY2027 Request: \$65,379,653 FY2026 Amended: \$61,816,162 % Increase (FY27 vs. FY26): 5.8%
- Excluding Cash Capital FY2027 Request: \$49,449,653 FY2026 Amended: \$48,461,162 % Increase: 2.04%
- **Operational Expenditures:**
 - LFMP Façade Repair- \$500k increase (annual for next several years)
 - Fleet replacements – 2 vehicles for meter reading + electrician’s van
 - Expanded community outreach (filter distribution, partnership w/ GRPS on tap flushing program)
- **Revenues:**
 - Projected revenue up \$5.4M (8.6%) compared to FY26 Adopted
 - 6.38% rate increase in FY2026; projecting 2.48% annually from FY27-FY31 (avg increase over last 15 years)
 - 3-year avg of water consumption is up 1.69%
 - Coldbrook fully vacated by end of FY27 (sale proceeds not reflected in this budget)
- **Water’s budget is essentially a continuation budget subject to extreme variances from outside factors**
 - Personnel and benefit costs from negotiated raises (4%)
 - Adding 3 new Utility Aide positions in response to coming retirements (\$242k cost)
 - Lead Service Line Replacement Plan/Asset Management Re-investment Approach

Water - Capital Overview

▪ **FY2027 Capital Budget is \$49.43M**

- \$37.83M in the City of GR; \$8M is fully integrated at the LMFP, with the rest in partner communities where the City is reimbursed through rates
- \$15.9M in cash, \$33.5M in DWRF (unlikely that full DWRF amount will be awarded)

▪ **Key Projects**

- Lead Service Line Replacements (\$9M)
 - 1,900 LSLR's goal for FY27
- East Intermediate Pressure District Elevated Tank (\$10.5M)
- LMFP Chemical Containment and Carbon Feed System (\$7M) - Integrated

▪ **Ensuring access to clean, safe water**

- Investments in GR Neighborhoods with LSL and water infrastructure replacements
- Prioritize grant and principal forgiveness funding opportunities
- DWRF loans and principal forgiveness are becoming much more competitive – Project scoring changes in 2025 may limit our ability to receive DWRF funding in future
- Cascade PFAS watermain extension in Hillsboro area – Potential \$9M EGLE grant

Sewer - Financial Overview

- FY2027 Request: \$70,629,209 FY2026 Amended: \$71,083,286 % Decrease: (0.64%)
- Excluding Cash Capital FY2027 Request: \$54,509,209 FY2026 Amended: \$53,550,786 % Increase: 1.79%
- **Expenditures:**
 - Personnel Services – five new positions added with a total net cost increase of \$380k
 - Utility Aides (2) - \$161k
 - Maintenance Mechanic I (2) - \$190k
 - Plant Assistant I - \$29k after savings from temp reduction
 - Various cost increases related to CW tank conversion & treatment of Wyoming sludge
 - Chemical costs up \$243k, electrical costs up \$200k
- **Revenues:**
 - Projected revenue up \$43,856 (0.06%) YoY
 - (3.09%) rate decrease in FY26; projecting 4.50% annually from FY27-FY31
 - Reduced debt service from refunding frees up spending, which will drive rates
 - \$1.2M increase in surcharge revenues (cost recovery from Wyoming)
 - \$468k increase in natural gas revenues from additional gas production tied to Wyoming sludge

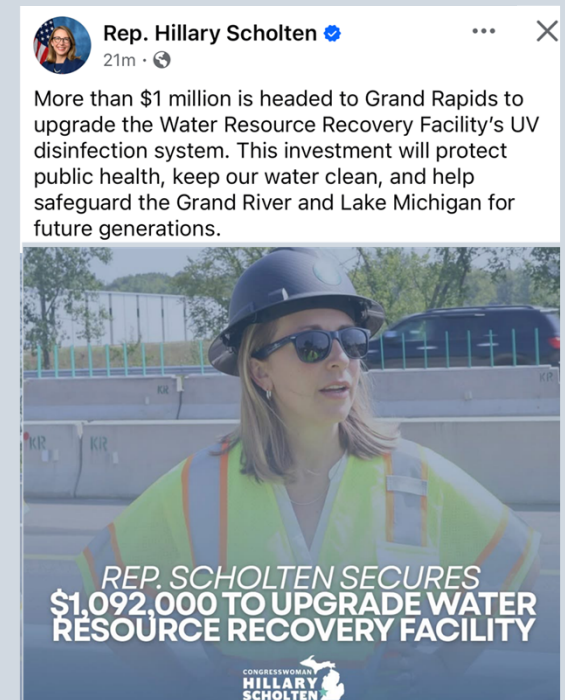
Sewer - Capital Overview

■ FY2027 Capital Budget is \$16.12M

- All cash funded, no bonds
- Pursuing CWRP funding for FY29 (\$30M for Godfrey)

■ Key WRRF Plant Improvement Projects

- North-South UV Disinfection Replacement - \$5M
 - Priority project within 2025 CMP Asset Management Plan
 - Supported with Congressional Spending of \$1M from Congresswoman Scholten
- RNG (Renewable Natural Gas) Skid - \$2.5M
 - Adding a new RNG Skid and associated piping allows for additional RNG Production
 - This additional RNG production will increase revenues and ensure air permit compliance
- Shared (Water & Sewer) SCADA Network Improvements \$1.5M
 - SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) Network Overhaul
 - Seeking additional support from EPA Water Security Grant



**Grand Rapids MI
WATER OPERATIONS (5910)
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

	ACTUAL 2025	ADOPTED 2026	AMENDED 2026	2026 Fiscal Year Estimate	PROPOSED 2027	FORECAST 2028	FORECAST 2029	FORECAST 2030	FORECAST 2031
Revenues									
450-Licenses & Permits	44,775	47,500	47,500	45,000	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500
501-Federal Grants	7,354,478	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
600-Charges for Services	59,733,386	59,694,935	59,694,935	63,156,931	65,032,936	66,924,991	69,115,943	71,060,431	73,165,367
655-Fines & Forfeitures	1,391,778	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
664-Investment Income & Rentals	1,387,204	2,763,139	2,763,139	844,872	2,867,559	2,685,219	2,516,355	2,343,231	2,345,244
671-Other Revenues	445,678	5,000	5,000	1,073,880	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
695-Other Financing Sources	-9,451,436	225,070	225,070	120,090	143,537	0	0	0	0
Water Operations Total Revenues	60,905,863	63,835,644	63,835,644	66,340,773	69,298,532	70,864,710	72,886,798	74,658,162	76,765,111
Expenditures									
701-Personal Services	13,461,382	15,903,492	15,903,492	14,090,104	17,161,056	18,150,671	18,542,415	18,816,773	19,040,505
751-Supplies	4,049,050	5,263,331	5,263,331	4,722,971	5,056,806	5,189,034	5,339,342	5,504,385	5,602,843
800-Other Services and Charges	16,779,270	20,726,603	20,726,603	19,538,001	20,402,195	20,702,345	21,441,087	22,553,091	22,670,162
970-Capital Outlays	834,554	1,424,300	1,424,300	1,936,162	2,358,465	2,099,636	2,432,450	1,653,000	1,515,740
990-Debt Service	4,971,268	6,790,801	6,790,801	5,795,074	6,234,056	6,656,617	6,874,015	7,032,145	7,468,228
995-Other Financing	11,576,571	11,707,635	11,707,635	13,529,635	14,167,075	5,766,977	9,047,907	10,887,864	11,975,850
Water Operations Total Expenditures	51,672,095	61,816,162	61,816,162	59,611,947	65,379,653	58,565,280	63,677,216	66,447,258	68,273,328
Water Operations NET INCOME (LOSS)	9,233,768	2,019,482	2,019,482	6,728,826	3,918,879	12,299,430	9,209,582	8,210,904	8,491,783
Other Sources & Uses of Cash									
Less: Payment of Debt Service Principal	(5,647,500)	(5,885,000)	(5,885,000)	(5,885,000)	(7,063,373)	(9,498,984)	(10,422,701)	(11,579,081)	(13,273,407)
Net Other Sources & Uses	(5,647,500)	(5,885,000)	(5,885,000)	(5,885,000)	(7,063,373)	(9,498,984)	(10,422,701)	(11,579,081)	(13,273,407)
Net Change in Available Cash	3,586,268	(3,865,518)	(3,865,518)	843,826	(3,144,494)	2,800,446	(1,213,119)	(3,368,177)	(4,781,624)
Unrestricted Cash - Beginning of Year	39,672,413	43,258,681	43,258,681	43,258,681	44,102,507	40,958,013	43,758,459	42,545,340	39,177,163
Unrestricted Cash - End of Year	43,258,681	39,393,163	39,393,163	44,102,507	40,958,013	43,758,459	42,545,340	39,177,163	34,395,539
Reserve Targets									
Assigned to Operations - 25% of Total Operations Spending	10,054,049	12,115,291	12,115,291	11,526,737	12,362,413	12,747,570	13,186,804	13,409,315	13,588,332
Unassigned Cash	33,204,633	27,277,873	27,277,873	32,575,771	28,595,600	31,010,889	29,358,536	25,767,848	20,807,207
Total	43,258,681	39,393,163	39,393,163	44,102,507	40,958,013	43,758,459	42,545,340	39,177,163	34,395,539
Unassigned Cash as a % of Total Expenditures	64.3%	44.1%	44.1%	54.6%	43.7%	53.0%	46.1%	38.8%	30.5%

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	ACTUAL 2025	ADOPTED 2026	AMENDED 2026	2026 Fiscal Year Estimate	PROPOSED 2027	FORECAST 2028	FORECAST 2029	FORECAST 2030	FORECAST 2031
Calculation of Debt Coverage:									
Water Operations NET INCOME (LOSS)	9,233,768	2,019,482	2,019,482	6,728,826	3,918,879	12,299,430	9,209,582	8,210,904	8,491,783
Depreciation	(13,184,213)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LESS:									
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Gains & Losses	1,174,298	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	9,644,511	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains-Loss on Sale of Assets - FA	142,642	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BABS Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers - Misc	(193,075)	225,070	225,070	120,090	143,537	0	0	0	0
	<u>6,817,931</u>	<u>2,244,552</u>	<u>2,244,552</u>	<u>6,848,916</u>	<u>4,062,416</u>	<u>12,299,430</u>	<u>9,209,582</u>	<u>8,210,904</u>	<u>8,491,783</u>
ADD:									
Depreciation	13,184,213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	4,971,268	6,790,801	6,790,801	5,785,074	6,227,531	6,650,092	6,867,490	7,025,620	7,461,703
Capital	11,455,900	13,355,000	13,355,000	13,505,000	15,930,000	7,575,000	10,930,000	12,810,000	13,920,000
Net Earnings	<u>36,429,311</u>	<u>22,390,353</u>	<u>22,390,353</u>	<u>26,138,990</u>	<u>26,219,947</u>	<u>26,524,522</u>	<u>27,007,072</u>	<u>28,046,524</u>	<u>29,873,486</u>
Senior Debt Service	9,083,950	9,100,150	9,100,150	9,100,150	8,694,075	8,716,100	8,426,350	8,420,350	8,419,100
Junior Debt Service	3,800,697	2,569,924	2,569,924	2,569,924	4,596,829	7,432,976	8,863,841	10,184,351	12,316,010
Total Annual Debt Service	<u>12,884,647</u>	<u>11,670,074</u>	<u>11,670,074</u>	<u>11,670,074</u>	<u>13,290,904</u>	<u>16,149,076</u>	<u>17,290,191</u>	<u>18,604,701</u>	<u>20,735,110</u>
Coverage Ratio - Senior Debt	4.01	2.46	2.46	2.87	3.02	3.04	3.21	3.33	3.55
Coverage Ratio - All Debt	2.83	1.92	1.92	2.24	1.97	1.64	1.56	1.51	1.44

Grand Rapids MI
SEWAGE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS (5900)
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	ACTUAL 2025	ADOPTED 2026	AMENDED 2026	2026 Fiscal Year Estimate	PROPOSED 2027	FORECAST 2028	FORECAST 2029	FORECAST 2030	FORECAST 2031
Revenues									
450-Licenses & Permits	142,415	110,000	110,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000
501-Federal Grants	7,500,000	0	0	156,457	0	0	0	0	0
539-State Grants	-3,907	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
600-Charges for Services	71,993,097	71,463,383	71,463,383	71,444,875	71,356,631	74,269,932	77,314,331	80,495,727	83,820,288
664-Investment Income & Rentals	2,277,758	2,064,267	2,064,267	1,826,857	2,179,875	2,015,897	1,854,169	1,690,697	1,690,631
671-Other Revenues	996,221	1,171,296	1,171,296	1,180,483	1,171,296	1,172,296	1,173,296	1,173,296	1,173,296
695-Other Financing Sources	-11,540,835	0	0	301,520	0	0	0	0	0
Sewer Disposal Operations Total Revenues	71,364,749	74,808,946	74,808,946	75,055,192	74,852,802	77,603,125	80,486,796	83,504,720	86,829,215
Expenditures									
701-Personal Services	14,765,695	15,022,525	15,022,525	14,559,810	16,587,224	17,638,154	18,036,852	18,296,472	18,514,959
751-Supplies	3,028,529	4,101,609	4,101,609	3,700,766	4,356,455	4,400,647	4,449,831	4,453,694	4,538,506
800-Other Services and Charges	18,879,660	25,628,034	25,628,034	25,607,037	25,139,879	25,559,574	25,682,631	27,575,940	27,265,129
970-Capital Outlays	978,302	1,263,330	1,263,330	1,120,474	1,575,050	1,779,286	1,499,612	1,620,086	1,389,758
990-Debt Service	8,728,844	9,250,288	9,250,288	7,751,428	8,750,601	8,096,160	8,952,353	8,528,314	8,057,833
995-Other Financing	12,303,465	15,817,500	15,817,500	17,532,500	14,220,000	9,854,000	10,383,000	8,186,000	11,711,000
Sewer Disposal Operations Total Expenditures	58,684,495	71,083,286	71,083,286	70,272,015	70,629,209	67,327,821	69,004,279	68,660,506	71,477,185
Sewer Disposal Operations NET INCOME (LOSS)	12,680,254	3,725,660	3,725,660	4,783,177	4,223,593	10,275,304	11,482,517	14,844,214	15,352,030
Other Sources & Uses of Cash									
Less: Payment of Debt Service Principal	(14,410,000)	(14,930,000)	(14,930,000)	(14,930,000)	(15,365,000)	(15,540,000)	(11,732,238)	(13,059,555)	(13,527,916)
Net Other Sources & Uses	(14,410,000)	(14,930,000)	(14,930,000)	(14,930,000)	(15,365,000)	(15,540,000)	(11,732,238)	(13,059,555)	(13,527,916)
Net Change in Available Cash	(1,729,746)	(11,204,340)	(11,204,340)	(10,146,823)	(11,141,407)	(5,264,696)	(249,721)	1,784,659	1,824,114
Unrestricted Cash - Beginning of Year	44,867,422	43,137,676	43,137,676	43,137,676	32,990,853	21,849,446	16,584,750	16,335,030	18,119,689
Unrestricted Cash - End of Year	43,137,676	31,933,336	31,933,336	32,990,853	21,849,446	16,584,750	16,335,030	18,119,689	19,943,803
Reserve Targets									
Assigned to Operations - 25% of Operations Spending	11,619,804	13,387,697	13,387,697	13,184,879	13,627,302	13,876,955	14,158,570	14,596,627	14,419,296
Unassigned Cash	31,517,872	18,545,640	18,545,640	19,805,974	8,222,144	2,707,795	2,176,460	3,523,062	5,524,507
Total	43,137,676	31,933,336	31,933,336	32,990,853	21,849,446	16,584,750	16,335,030	18,119,689	19,943,803
Unassigned Cash as a % of Total Expenditures	53.7%	26.1%	26.1%	28.2%	11.6%	4%	3.2%	5.1%	7.7%

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Calculation of Debt Coverage									
Sewer Disposal Operations NET INCOME (LOSS)	12,680,254	3,725,660	3,725,660	4,783,177	4,223,593	10,275,304	11,482,517	14,844,214	15,352,030
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LESS:									
Grants	(7,496,093)	-	-	(156,457)	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Gains & Losses	(471,509)	-	-	(305,600)	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	11,613,663	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains-Loss on Sale of Assets - FA	83,434	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BABS Income	(238,013)	(470,296)	(470,296)	(470,296)	(470,296)	(470,296)	(470,296)	(470,296)	(470,296)
Net Income	16,171,736	3,255,364	3,255,364	3,850,824	3,753,297	9,805,008	11,012,221	14,373,918	14,881,734
ADD:									
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	8,728,844	7,741,428	7,741,428	7,741,428	8,740,601	8,086,160	8,902,353	8,518,314	8,047,833
Capital	12,205,278	17,532,500	17,532,500	17,532,500	16,120,000	11,820,000	12,370,000	10,274,000	13,800,000
Net Earnings	37,105,858	28,529,292	28,529,292	29,124,752	28,613,898	29,711,168	32,284,574	33,166,232	36,729,567
Outstanding Debt Service									
Senior Debt Service	23,180,225	22,129,156	22,129,156	22,129,156	23,248,777	22,765,067	19,774,619	20,724,363	20,723,928
Junior Debt Service	612,049	542,272	542,272	542,272	856,824	861,093	859,971	853,506	851,821
Annual Debt Service	23,792,274	22,671,428	22,671,428	22,671,428	24,105,601	23,626,160	20,634,591	21,577,869	21,575,749
Coverage Ratio - Senior Debt	1.60	1.29	1.29	1.32	1.23	1.31	1.63	1.60	1.77
Coverage Ratio - All Debt	1.56	1.26	1.26	1.28	1.19	1.26	1.56	1.54	1.70

City of Grand Rapids
 Capital Project Detail
 FY2027 Preliminary
 Water Replacement Fund (5911)

Department Number	Department Name	Project Code	Project Title	Expense Account	Revenue Account	Budget Account Name	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
							Proposed	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
53600	WATER	5911170960	Watermain Oversizing	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
53600	WATER	5911200550	Burton and I-96 WM Crossing	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$1,500,000	\$
53600	WATER	5911220310	New Franklin PS PRV to Intermediate District	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$150,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	5911240010	Renewable Energy Projects	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
53600	WATER	5911240430	LMFP Annual Electrical Improvements (Plant Generators)	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	5911250170	7175 - Grandville - Hall to Beacon	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$140,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	5911251080	8222-Wealthy - Carlton to Lake	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$120,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	5911260400	8156-PRV Replacements Cascade Reg PD	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	5911260470	LMFP - Chemical Containment & Carbon Feed Imp.	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$7,000,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP277189	5097-South Walker Watermain Phase 3	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP279122	Clancy Avenue - Hastings Avenue to Trowbridge Avenue	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$60,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP279126	4647-2nd Street - Valley Avenue to Stocking Avenue	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$130,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP270068	5371-Division - Franklin to Wealthy	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$370,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP270109	4532-Butterworth Hogadone to Front	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$200,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP270116	3434-Water Lake Transmission Line Restoration	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$100,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP270119	4304-Sherman St Giddings Ave to Norwood Ave	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$130,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP272067	8328-Butterworth - Marion to Lane (Hogadone)	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$80,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273020	8464 - Buchanan - Corinne to Stewart	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$190,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273022	8468 - FY27-Rotomill Project - Lead Service Line Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$600,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273023	4588 - Alger - Division to Madison	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$230,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273024	8178 - Wealthy - Fuller to Carlton	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$100,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273037	7963 - Butterworth - Lane to Hogadone	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$80,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274057	8516 - 60th Street - Wing to Lynn Haven	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$1,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274059	8558 - Hall - Marsman to Hillsboro, Hillsboro - Hall to Burkdale	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
53600	WATER	TEMP274060	8560 - Backflow Prevention at Elevated Storage Facilities	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274066	8562 - 2028 Rotomills Lead Service Line Replacements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$600,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274068	8552 - LMFP - PLC and Other Control Improvements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$500,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274078	8603 - Hall - Cesar Chavez to West of US-131	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$175,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274085	Logan - Henry to Diamond	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$200,000	\$	\$

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							Proposed	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
53600	WATER	TEMP274086	Brooklyn - N. Fuller to S. Fuller	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$900,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274087	Patterson Tank Painting and Improvements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$500,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274088	Diamond - Lake to Fulton and Fountain to Crescent	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$230,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP275058	2029 Rotomills Lead Service Line Replacements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$600,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276016	Adams Area TWM Lining - Area TBD	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$1,000,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276017	LMFP Backwash Valves, Pumps and Motor Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$500,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276019	Diamond - Crescent to MMRR	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$40,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276027	LMFP North LL PS - Pumps 2, 3 and 4 Motor Replacement w/VFD and Building upgrades.	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$600,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
53600	WATER	TEMP276028	South Transmission Main Capacity Restoration	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$2,000,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276020	Lafayette Ave. - Fulton Street to Fountain Street	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$90,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276021	2030 Rotomills Lead Service Line Replacements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$700,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276022	Knapp - Monroe to Lafayette	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$300,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276023	Jefferson Ave. - Highland Street to Franklin Street	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$180,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276026	Bridge - Mount Mercy to Scott	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$140,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27011	3rd and 4th - Valley to Garfield	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$700,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27012	Godfrey - Market to Oxford	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$500,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27018	2030 LMFP Annual Electrical Improvements (MS-LL1 and MS-LL2 Split)	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$1,500,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27030	DWRF Issuance Costs	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$100,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27032	Bristol - 3 Mile to Waldorf	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$2,500,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27034	Lincoln - 4th to Cora	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$160,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27035	2031 Rotomills Lead Service Line Replacements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$700,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27036	Ionia - Coldbrook to Leonard	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$100,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27037	Mt. Vernon - Pearl to Front	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$70,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27038	Knapp - Plainfield to Eastern	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$200,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27039	Lafayette - Fountain to Michigan	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$200,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27040	Crofton - Madison to College	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$250,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27041	Canton - Wallen to Buchanan	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$250,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27043	Freeman - Hall to Market	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,250,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27044	Kentridge Drive - 44th Street to Kendall Street	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$2,000,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27045	Local WM Lining	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

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							Proposed	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
53600	WATER	TEMP27046	2028 TWM Lining - Area to be determined	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$1,000,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27047	2029 TWM Lining - Area to be determined	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$1,000,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27048	2030 TWM Lining - Area to be determined	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$1,000,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27049	2031 TWM Lining - Area to be determined	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,000,000
53600	WATER TOTAL						\$15,930,000	\$7,575,000	\$10,930,000	\$12,810,000	\$13,920,000
Grand Total							\$15,930,000	\$7,575,000	\$10,930,000	\$12,810,000	\$13,920,000

	Revenue Sources:					
	Cash Funds	15,930,000	7,575,000	10,930,000	12,810,000	13,920,000
	Grand Total	15,930,000	7,575,000	10,930,000	12,810,000	13,920,000

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							Proposed	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
53600	WATER	5912251080	8222-Wealthy - Carlton to Lake	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$1,200,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP279122	Clancy Avenue - Hastings Avenue to Trowbridge Avenue	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$600,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP279126	4647-2nd Street - Valley Avenue to Stocking Avenue	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$1,300,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP270068	5371-Division - Franklin to Wealthy	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$3,700,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP270109	4532-Butterworth Hogadone to Front	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$2,000,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP270119	4304-Sherman St Giddings Ave to Norwood Ave	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$1,300,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP272067	8328-Butterworth - Marion to Lane (Hogadone)	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$800,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273020	8464 - Buchanan - Corinne to Stewart	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$1,900,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273022	8468 - FY27-Rotomill Project - Lead Service Line Replacement	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$9,000,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273023	4588 - Alger - Division to Madison	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$2,300,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273024	8178 - Wealthy - Fuller to Carlton	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$1,000,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP273037	7963 - Butterworth - Lane to Hogadone	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$800,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274066	8562 - 2028 Rotomills Lead Service Line Replacements	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$9,000,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274067	8548 - LMFP - Filter Surface Wash and Coating Improvements	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$7,500,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274078	8603 - Hall - Cesar Chavez to West of US-131	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$1,750,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274085	Logan - Henry to Diamond	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$2,000,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP274088	Diamond - Lake to Fulton and Fountain to Crescent	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$2,300,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP275058	2029 Rotomills Lead Service Line Replacements	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$9,000,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276019	Diamond - Crescent to MMRR	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$400,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276020	Lafayette Ave. - Fulton Street to Fountain Street	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$900,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276021	2030 Rotomills Lead Service Line Replacements	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$10,000,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276022	Knapp - Monroe to Plainfield	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$3,000,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276023	Jefferson Ave. - Highland Street to Franklin Street	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$1,800,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP276026	Bridge - Mount Mercy to Scott	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$1,400,000	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27012	Godfrey - Market to Oxford	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$5,600,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27031	Intermediate Pressure District Elevated Storage Tank	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$10,500,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27033	LMFP Phosphate Improvements	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$1,100,000	\$	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27034	Lincoln - 4th to Cora	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$1,600,000	\$	\$
53600	WATER	TEMP27035	2031 Rotomills Lead Service Line Replacements	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$10,000,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27036	Ionia - Coldbrook to Leonard	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,000,000

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							Proposed	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
53600	WATER	TEMP27037	Mt. Vernon - Pearl to Front	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$700,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27038	Knapp - Plainfield to Eastern	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$2,000,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27039	Lafayette - Fountain to Michigan	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$2,000,000
53600	WATER	TEMP27042	Northeast Elevated Storage Tank	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$11,030,000
53600	WATER TOTAL						\$33,500,000	\$22,350,000	\$20,800,000	\$17,100,000	\$26,730,000
Grand Total							\$33,500,000	\$22,350,000	\$20,800,000	\$17,100,000	\$26,730,000

	Revenue Sources:				
	State Revolving Fund Loan				
	33,500,000	22,350,000	20,800,000	17,100,000	26,730,000
	33,500,000	22,350,000	20,800,000	17,100,000	26,730,000
Grand Total					

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Department Number	Department Name	Project Code	Project Title	Expense Account	Revenue Account	Budget Account Name	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
							Proposed	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902152250	Var Loc CIPP Rehab of S/S	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902190500	Brandywine Sanitary Trunk Sewer	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$1,000,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902230320	Flow Meter Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902230330	HVAC Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902240010	Renewable Energy Projects	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902250340	North-South UV Disinfection	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$4,000,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260190	Lift Station Upgrades	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$350,000	\$100,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260200	Medium Voltage Cable Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260220	East Paris Lift Station Forcemain Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$850,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260250	North Secondary Return Sludge Improvements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$2,000,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260290	Woodlawn Cemetary Sanitary Sewer CIPP	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260310	Forcemain Air Relief Valve Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260330	WRRF Sump Pump Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260340	Vital Street & CSO Separation at Various Locations	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260370	WRRF Building Improvements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$250,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	5902260390	Shared SCADA Network	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP278015	6862-A.C. forcemain replacement at Eastern Avenue Lift Sta	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$250,000	\$	\$1,000,000	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP279008	6864-A.C. Forcemain replacement - Lincoln School Lift Station	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$250,000	\$2,000,000	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP270007	2530-Burton/Breton Sanitary Trunk Sewer	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$3,000,000	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP274044	4532 - BUTTERWORTH - HOGADONE TO SEWARD AVE	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$100,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP275053	South Aeration Tank Mixers	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$300,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP275054	South Blower Primary Substation and Feeder Breakers Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$200,000	\$	\$1,400,000	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP275055	South Secondary MCC Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$550,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP275057	MAPS Primary Substation and Feeder Breakers Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$200,000	\$1,400,000	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276039	South Blower Building - Decant/Underdrain Pump & Wet Well Upgrade	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$300,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276041	Bristol Ave Sanitary Sewer	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$1,500,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276048	PERB Pump & Valve Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$400,000	\$	\$	\$	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276040	PLC Upgrades	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276056	1749-Long Term Wet Weather	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276044	Vactor Dump Improvements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$200,000	\$	\$1,000,000
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276045	MAPS UST Conversion	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$400,000	\$	\$

52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276046	Sludge Piping/Suction in B Section Improvements	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$400,000	\$	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276054	Orchard Vista Forcemain Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$250,000	\$	\$1,000,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP278003	2537 - Lafayette Avenue - Fulton to Fountain	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$270,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP271024	Burton/Breton Collection Area	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$500,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP271027	Fenske Area Sanitary Pump Station	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$1,000,000	\$	\$	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP271037	Screen and Grit Bldg Tuck Pointing	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$44,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP271039	Screen and Grit Bldg Structural Repairs	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$144,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP271040	Headworks Scum Pumping	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$491,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP272074	B ST - GRANDVILLE TO CAULFIELD ALLEY	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$305,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP272091	NELAND - BATES TO SHERMAN	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$1,000,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276043	BEACON ST - GRANDVILLE TO CAULFIELD	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$500,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP276055	Electrical Distribution Syst Renewal 2	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$500,000	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27019	CSAT Camera Truck	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$600,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27020	Sanitary Manhole Lining Various Locations	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27021	South Return Sludge Header	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$400,000	\$	\$	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27022	2516-Whiskey Creek Sanitary Trunk	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$3,700,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27023	WRRF Scum Conveyance Systems	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$500,000	\$	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27024	South Final Tank Algae Control	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$500,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27025	B-550 Flow Split Gate & Actuator Replacement	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$500,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27026	Update Electrical Panels in Admin Building	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$150,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27027	2528-Kent Country Club Sanitary Trunk Sewer	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,600,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27028	Boston-Blaine SE Collection Area Construction	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$2,000,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27029	Headworks Grit Pass Upgrades Phase 3	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP27051	RNG Skid	98800000	69930000	Construction In Progress	\$2,500,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TOTAL							\$16,120,000	\$11,820,000	\$12,370,000	\$10,274,000	\$13,800,000
Grand Total								\$16,120,000	\$11,820,000	\$12,370,000	\$10,274,000	\$13,800,000

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City of Grand Rapids
 Capital Project Detail
 FY2027 Preliminary
 2023 SDS Revenue Bonds Fund (5909)

Department Number	Department Name	Project Code	Project Title	Expense Account	Revenue Account	Budget Account Name	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	
							Proposed	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	TEMP275059	Godfrey Ave. - Chestnut to Grand River	98800000	69810000	Construction In Progress	\$	\$	\$30,000,000	\$	\$	
52700	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TOTAL							\$	\$	\$30,000,000	\$	\$
Grand Total							\$	\$	\$30,000,000	\$	\$	

MEMORANDUM

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

DATE: May 21, 2026

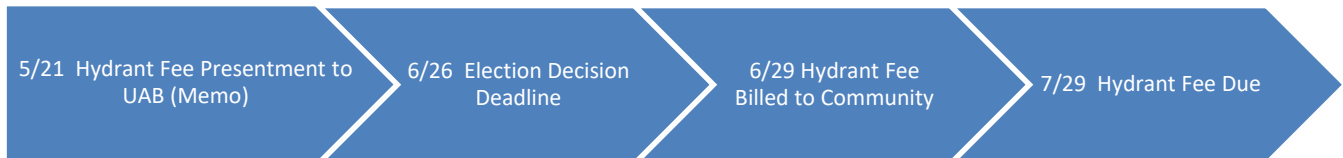
TO: Utility Advisory Board (UAB), Members

FROM: Samarhia Giffel, Administrative Services Officer II

SUBJECT: Hydrant Fee Billing Option

Pursuant to section 5, paragraph E of the retail water and sanitary sewer service agreement, “A Customer Community may elect to pay a hydrant fee for the operation, maintenance, and use of each fire hydrant within its Utility Services District. The fee per fire hydrant shall be as determined by the Customer Community and the amount paid by the Customer Community shall be a credit to the revenue requirements of the Customer Community in the annual Rate Study.”

The customary annual fee per fire hydrant is equal to the monthly service charge for an 8-inch fire connection in the City, established annually by the water rate study, multiplied by twelve months. Effective January 1, 2026, this fee is \$511.56 (\$42.63 x 12) per fire hydrant. The total number of fire hydrants in each community, as of June 30th annually, is tracked by the Utility Engineering, Distribution and Collection Division (UEDCD) and submitted to the Utility Business Office (UBO) for elected billing purposes on the last business day of each fiscal year. The 2026 hydrant fee billing timeline and preliminary hydrant counts and costs are presented below.



1. 5/21 Hydrant Fee Presentation to UAB (Memo)
2. 6/26 Election Decision Deadline (Email S. Giffel)
3. 6/29 Hydrant Fee Billed to Community
4. 7/29 Hydrant Fee Due

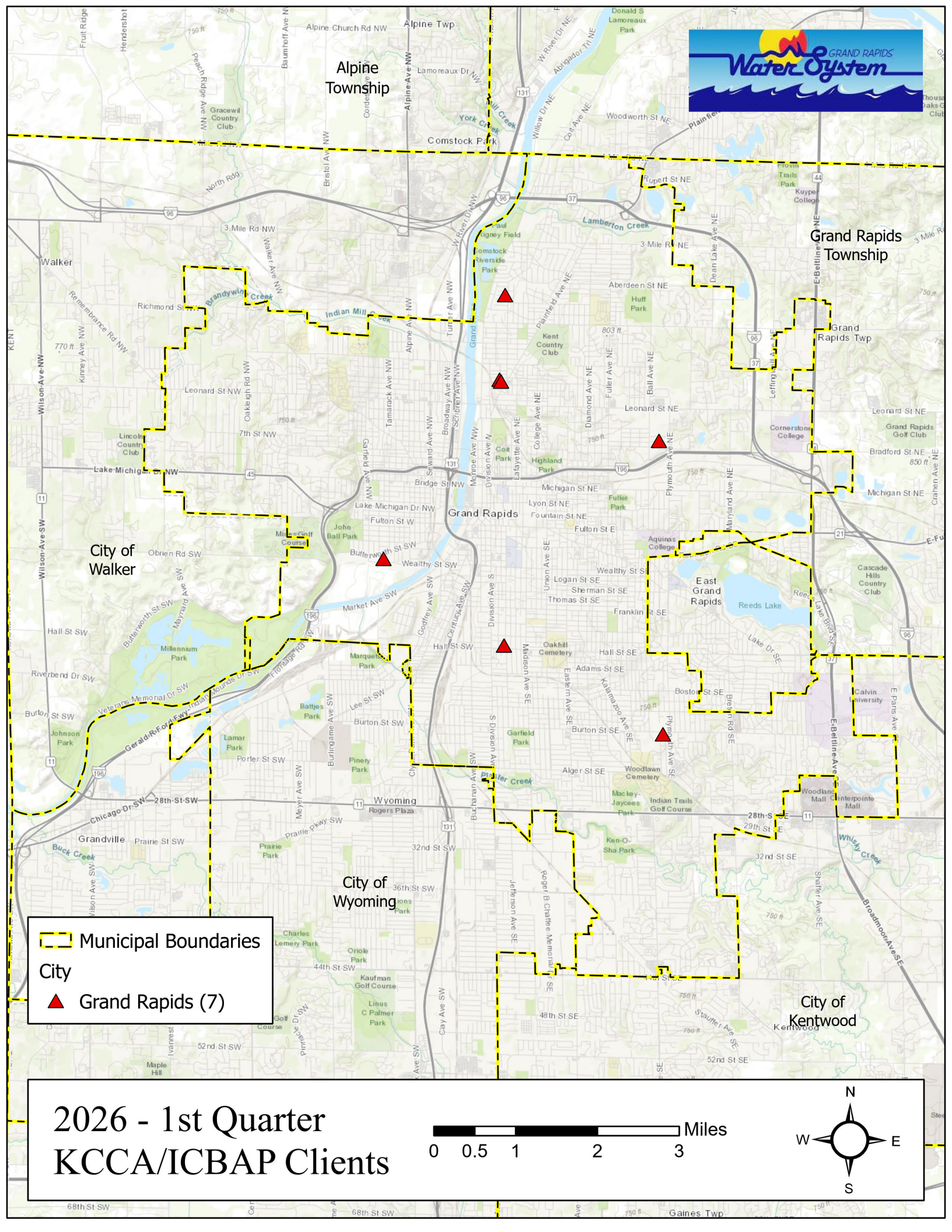
COMMUNITY	HYDRANTS 2026	HYDRANT FEE 2026	TOTAL 2026	PARTICIPATED 2025
CASCADE TOWNSHIP	1,205	\$511.56	\$616,429.80	NO
GR TOWNSHIP	1,052	\$511.56	\$538,161.12	NO
KENTWOOD	1,414	\$511.56	\$723,345.84	NO
TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP	130	\$511.56	\$66,502.80	YES
WALKER	1,653	\$511.56	\$845,608.68	NO

Please consider this contractual hydrant fee billing option and advise of your community’s respective elections (participation and fees) in writing to Samarhia Giffel, sgiffel@grcity.us, by no later than June 26, 2026. I can also be reached at (616) 456-4531, if you would like additional clarification.

Samarhia Giffel
 Administrative Services Officer II
 Utility Business Office
 Ph: 616.456.4531 Email: sgiffel@grcity.us

**Kent County Community Action (KCCA)
Water/Sewer Payment Assistance Program
Calendar Years 2026 & 2025
First Quarter - January 1 thru March 31**

	2026		2025	
	Q1	YTD	Q1	YTD
City of Grand Rapids				
ICB Authorized		\$ 173,972.00		\$ 153,690.00
Non-Operating Revenue Authorized		\$ 80,000.00		\$ 80,000.00
ICB Total Funding		\$ 253,972.00		\$ 233,690.00
KCCA				
Total Assistance Award(s)	\$ 2,173.07	\$ 2,173.07	\$ 16,043.21	\$ 16,043.21
Total Administrative Fee(s)	217.31	217.31	1,604.32	1,604.32
Total ICB Used	\$ 2,390.38	\$ 2,390.38	\$ 17,647.53	\$ 17,647.53
Total ICB Reimbursed	\$ 2,390.38	\$ 2,390.38	\$ 17,647.53	\$ 17,647.53
Q1 Reimbursement	\$ (2,390.38)	\$ (2,390.38)	\$ (17,647.53)	\$ (17,647.53)
Q2 Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Q3 Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Q4 Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ICB Remaining Authorized Funds		\$ 171,581.62		\$ 136,042.47
ICB Remaining Non Operating Funds		\$ 80,000.00		\$ 80,000.00
Demographic Summary				
Household(s) Served	7	7	55	55
Person(s) Served	14	14	151	151
Average Household Size	2.00	2.00	2.75	2.75
Single Head of Family Served	1	1	27	27
Average Assistance Amount	(\$310.44)	(\$310.44)	(\$291.69)	(\$291.69)
Failed Screening Process	2	2	10	10
Denied After Completed Process	0	0	0	0
Repeat Household(s) Served	0	0	0	0
Jurisdiction Summary				
Grand Rapids	7	7	54	54
Cascade Township	0	0	0	0
Grand Rapids Township	0	0	0	0
Kentwood	0	0	1	1
Tallmadge Township	0	0	0	0
Walker	0	0	0	0
Wright Township	0	0	0	0



Alpine Township


Grand Rapids Township

City of Walker


Grand Rapids

City of Wyoming

City of Kentwood

 Municipal Boundaries

City

 Grand Rapids (7)

**2026 - 1st Quarter
KCCA/ICBAP Clients**

 Miles



1 waters of the state constitute a public trust and must be protected
2 from pollution, impairment, and destruction. The public trust in
3 the waters of the state applies to the protection of the quantity
4 and quality of the water for public use, including, but not limited
5 to, drinking water, sustenance, health, fishing, swimming, boating,
6 and the reasonable use of water for domestic, agricultural,
7 commercial, industrial, public utility, and for other lawful uses
8 of water in connection with the ownership or occupancy of land.

9 (2) The obligation to manage the waters of the state in the
10 public interest is the express duty of the legislature under
11 sections 51 and 52 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963
12 and must not be ceded to any other entity. This subsection does not
13 prohibit the legislative delegation of authority to manage the
14 waters of the state to a public entity consistent with the
15 requirements of the state constitution of 1963.

16 Sec. 1203. As used in this part:

17 (a) "Board" means the Michigan water trust fund board created
18 in section 1209.

19 (b) "Bottled drinking water" means water that is packaged in
20 sealed containers for human consumption and may come from a variety
21 of sources, including springs, aquifers, icebergs, or municipal tap
22 water supplies, and that contains no added ingredients, except safe
23 and suitable antimicrobial agents.

24 (c) "Department" means the department of environment, Great
25 Lakes, and energy.

26 (d) "Federal poverty level" means the poverty guidelines
27 published annually in the Federal Register by the United States
28 Department of Health and Human Services under its authority to
29 revise the poverty line under 42 USC 9902.

1 (e) "Fund" means the Michigan water trust fund created in
2 section 1205.

3 (f) "Local health department" means that term as defined in
4 section 1105 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1105.

5 (g) "Local unit of government" means a county, township, city,
6 or village.

7 (h) "Public water supply" means that term as defined in
8 section 2 of the safe drinking water act, 1976 PA 399, MCL
9 325.1002.

10 (i) "Waters of the state" means that term as defined in
11 section 3101.

12 Sec. 1205. (1) The Michigan water trust fund is created in the
13 state treasury. The state treasurer may receive royalties collected
14 by the department under section 17a of the safe drinking water act,
15 1976 PA 399, MCL 325.1017a, and money or other assets from any
16 other source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
17 direct the investment of the fund and credit to the fund interest
18 and earnings from fund investments. The state treasurer has the
19 same authority to invest the assets of the fund that is granted to
20 an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system
21 investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1141. Money in the
22 fund at the end of the fiscal year remains in the fund and does not
23 lapse to the general fund.

24 (2) By January 1, 2027, and by each January 1 thereafter, the
25 department shall prepare a report that contains an accounting of
26 revenues and expenditures from the fund. The department shall
27 provide the report to the senate and house of representatives
28 appropriations committees and the standing committees of the senate
29 and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues

1 pertaining to natural resources and the environment. The report
2 must identify all of the following:

3 (a) The interest and earnings of the fund from the previous
4 fiscal year.

5 (b) The cumulative total amount of unexpended interest and
6 earnings held by the fund.

7 (c) The investment performance of the fund during the previous
8 fiscal year.

9 (d) The total amount of appropriations from the fund during
10 the previous year.

11 (3) Not more than 70% of annual fund revenues may be expended
12 until the accumulated principal of the fund reaches
13 \$800,000,000.00. After this target is reached, the accumulated
14 principal of the fund must not be less than \$750,000,000.00 or more
15 than \$1,500,000,000.00.

16 Sec. 1207. (1) The department shall create and administer a
17 grant program to address water infrastructure and accessibility.
18 Revenues, interest, and earnings from the fund must be used to
19 administer the fund and provide grants under the program for any of
20 the following purposes:

21 (a) Grants to local units of government or nonprofit
22 organizations to ensure that residents of this state who experience
23 a water emergency do not have to pay for bottled drinking water to
24 meet domestic water needs.

25 (b) Grants to local units of government to address lead
26 service line replacement.

27 (c) Grants to local health departments to provide water
28 testing for residents of this state that are reliant on private
29 wells.

1 (d) Grants to local health departments for the administration
2 and implementation of on-site wastewater regulations.

3 (e) Grants to public water supplies, water authorities, or
4 similar entities to assist residential customers whose gross
5 monthly income is 200% or less of the federal poverty level, so
6 that the residential customers receive a continuous supply of water
7 to meet domestic water needs.

8 (f) Grants to local units of government for water
9 infrastructure projects that improve water quality, provide access
10 to safe and affordable water, and help prepare for flood
11 resilience.

12 (2) The department shall develop a detailed application,
13 approval, and compliance process for the program that is made
14 available on the department's website. The department shall
15 promulgate rules under the administrative procedures act of 1969,
16 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to implement this section.

17 Sec. 1209. (1) The Michigan water trust fund board is created
18 within the department to review grant applications received under
19 section 1207 and make recommendations to the department on projects
20 that should receive grant funding under the program.

21 (2) The board must consist of the following members:

22 (a) The director of the department.

23 (b) Six members appointed by the governor, with the advice and
24 consent of the senate, who have experience with local units of
25 government, water infrastructure projects, or water management.

26 (3) Members of the board appointed under subsection (2) (b)
27 shall serve for terms of 4 years or until a successor is appointed,
28 except that of the members first appointed, 1 shall serve for 1
29 year, 1 shall serve for 2 years, 1 shall serve for 3 years, and 3

1 shall serve for 4 years.

2 (4) The members first appointed to the board shall be
3 appointed not later than 90 days after the effective date of the
4 amendatory act that added this part.

5 (5) If a vacancy occurs on the board, an individual shall be
6 appointed in the same manner as the original appointment to fill
7 the vacancy for the balance of the term.

8 (6) The governor may remove a member of the board for
9 incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
10 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

11 (7) Not later than 120 days after the effective date of the
12 amendatory act that added this part, the governor shall call the
13 first meeting of the board. At the first meeting, the board shall
14 elect from among its members a chairperson and other officers as
15 necessary and appropriate. Except as otherwise provided in this
16 subsection, after the first meeting, the board shall meet at least
17 bimonthly, or more frequently at the call of a chairperson, or if
18 requested by the department.

19 (8) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a
20 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A
21 majority of the members present and serving is required for
22 official action of the board.

23 (9) The business that the board may perform must be conducted
24 at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open
25 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

26 (10) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
27 retained by the board in the performance of an official function is
28 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231
29 to 15.246.

1 (11) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.
2 However, members of the board may be reimbursed for actual and
3 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the official
4 duties as members of the board.

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
6 unless Senate Bill No. 951 of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into
7 law.

SENATE BILL NO. 951

May 07, 2026, Introduced by Senator SINGH and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 399, entitled "Safe drinking water act," by amending sections 4 and 17 (MCL 325.1004 and 325.1017), section 4 as amended by 2008 PA 187 and section 17 as amended by 2008 PA 188, and by adding section 17a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. (1) A supplier of water shall file with the department
2 the plans and specifications ~~of the entire~~ **for any proposed**
3 waterworks system **that will be** owned or operated by the supplier 7

1 ~~unless the department determines that its existing records are~~
2 ~~adequate.~~ **and be issued a construction permit by the department in**
3 **accordance with this section.** A **supplier of water shall provide a**
4 general plan of the waterworks system for each public water supply
5 ~~shall be provided to the department by a supplier of water and~~
6 ~~shall be updated~~ **update the general plan** as determined necessary by
7 the department.

8 (2) ~~Upon~~ **On** receipt of the plans and specifications for a
9 proposed waterworks system **under subsection (1),** the department
10 shall evaluate the adequacy of the proposed system to protect the
11 public health ~~by supplying~~ **and supply** water ~~meeting~~ **that meets** the
12 state drinking water standards. ~~and, if~~ **If** applicable, **the**
13 **department** shall evaluate the impact of the proposed system as
14 provided in subsections (3) and (4). In addition, for a proposed
15 waterworks system by a community supply that will provide capacity
16 for a new or increased large quantity withdrawal, the department
17 shall utilize the assessment tool to evaluate the proposed
18 withdrawal associated with the proposed waterworks system and ~~shall~~
19 confirm the assessment tool's determination. ~~Prior to~~ **Before** the
20 implementation of the assessment tool under section 32706a **of the**
21 **natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451,**
22 **MCL 324.32706a,** the department shall evaluate the proposed
23 withdrawal based ~~upon~~ **on** reasonably available information. If the
24 department determines that the proposed withdrawal for a community
25 supply is a zone C withdrawal, the community supply shall certify
26 that it is implementing applicable environmentally sound and
27 economically feasible water conservation measures prepared under
28 section 32708a **of the natural resources and environmental**
29 **protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.32708a,** that the community

1 supply considers to be reasonable, or **the community supply** shall
 2 certify that it is implementing environmentally sound and
 3 economically feasible water conservation measures developed for the
 4 water use associated with that specific withdrawal that the
 5 community supply considers to be reasonable. The department shall
 6 also conduct a capacity assessment for a proposed community supply
 7 or nontransient noncommunity water supply and determine if the
 8 system has the technical, financial, and managerial capacity to
 9 meet all **the** requirements of this act and the rules promulgated
 10 under this act, on the date ~~of commencement of operations~~ **commence**.
 11 If ~~upon~~**on** evaluation the department determines the plans and
 12 specifications ~~to be~~**are** inadequate or the capacity assessment
 13 shows the system ~~to be~~**is** inadequate, the department may return the
 14 plans and specifications to the applicant and require additions or
 15 modifications as ~~may be~~**the department determines is** appropriate.
 16 The department may reject plans and specifications for a waterworks
 17 system that will not satisfactorily provide for the protection of
 18 the public health or, if applicable, will not meet the standards
 19 provided in subsection (4). ~~The department may deny a permit for~~
 20 ~~construction of a proposed community supply or a nontransient~~
 21 ~~noncommunity water supply if the capacity assessment shows that the~~
 22 ~~proposed system does not have adequate technical, financial, or~~
 23 ~~managerial capacity to meet the requirements of this act and the~~
 24 ~~rules promulgated under this act.~~

25 (3) The department shall evaluate the impact of a proposed
 26 waterworks system for a community supply that will do any of the
 27 following:

28 (a) Provide new total designed withdrawal capacity of more
 29 than 2,000,000 gallons of water per day from the waters of the

1 state.

2 (b) Provide an increased total designed withdrawal capacity of
3 more than 2,000,000 gallons of water per day from the waters of the
4 state beyond the system's total designed withdrawal capacity.

5 (c) Provide new or increased total designed withdrawal
6 capacity for a new or increased large quantity withdrawal of more
7 than 1,000,000 gallons of water per day from the waters of the
8 state to supply a common distribution system that the department
9 confirms is a zone C withdrawal.

10 (d) Provide new total designed withdrawal capacity or an
11 increased total designed withdrawal capacity that will result in an
12 intrabasin transfer of more than 100,000 gallons per day average
13 over any 90-day period.

14 (4) ~~The~~ **Before the department issues a construction permit**
15 **under this section, the** department shall provide public notice that
16 ~~it~~ ~~the department~~ is conducting an evaluation under subsection (3)
17 and ~~shall~~ provide a public comment period of not less than 45 days
18 before making a determination on ~~that~~ ~~the~~ evaluation. The
19 department shall reject the plans and specifications **under**
20 **subsection (1) and not issue a construction permit** for a proposed
21 waterworks system evaluated under subsection (3) if ~~it~~ ~~the~~
22 **department** determines that the proposed system will not meet the
23 applicable standard provided in section 32723 of the natural
24 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL
25 324.32723. However, the department may approve the plans and
26 specifications **provided under subsection (1) and issue a**
27 **construction permit** for a proposed waterworks system evaluated
28 under subsection (3) for a community supply owned by a political
29 subdivision that the department determines will not meet the

1 applicable standard provided in section 32723 **of the natural**
2 **resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL**
3 **324.32723**, if the plans and specifications do not result in an
4 intrabasin transfer of more than 100,000 gallons per day average
5 over any 90-day period and both of the following conditions are
6 met:

7 (a) The department determines that there is no feasible and
8 prudent alternative location for the withdrawal.

9 (b) The department includes in the approval conditions related
10 to depth, pumping capacity, rate of flow, and ultimate use that
11 ensure that the environmental impact of the withdrawal is balanced
12 by the public benefit of the withdrawal related to public health,
13 safety, and welfare. This subdivision does not ~~confer upon~~ **give** the
14 department ~~any~~ **the** authority to require a person to connect or ~~to~~
15 remain connected to an existing drinking water supply system owned
16 by a political subdivision.

17 (5) The department's approval of a ~~proposed waterworks system~~
18 **construction permit** under this section ~~shall be considered to~~
19 ~~satisfy~~ **satisfies** the requirements of section 4.11 of the compact.

20 (6) Before ~~commencing the~~ **beginning** construction of a
21 waterworks system or an alteration, addition, or improvement to a
22 system, a supplier of water shall submit the plans and
23 specifications **under subsection (1)** for the improvements to the
24 department and secure from the department a **construction permit** ~~for~~
25 ~~construction~~ as provided by rule. Plans and specifications
26 submitted to the department ~~shall~~ **must** be prepared by a
27 professional engineer licensed under article 20 of the occupational
28 code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.2001 to 339.2014. A contractor, builder,
29 or supplier of water shall not engage in or begin the construction

1 of a waterworks system or an alteration, addition, or improvement
2 to a waterworks system until a valid **construction** permit ~~for the~~
3 ~~construction has been secured from~~ **is issued by** the department
4 **under this section.** A contractor, builder, or supplier of water ~~who~~
5 ~~permits or that~~ allows construction to proceed without a ~~valid~~
6 **construction** permit, or in a manner not in accordance with the
7 plans and specifications approved by the department, violates this
8 act. A supplier of water shall not issue a voucher or check or in
9 any other way expend money or provide consideration for
10 construction of a waterworks system unless a ~~valid construction~~
11 permit **is** issued by the department. ~~is in effect.~~ The department
12 may issue a **construction** permit with conditions to correct minor
13 design deficiencies. If eligible, a supplier may request an
14 expedited review of an application for a **construction** permit under
15 section 4a. **A construction permit issued under this section does**
16 **not expire.**

17 (7) The department may deny a **construction** permit ~~for~~
18 ~~construction of a waterworks system or an alteration, addition, or~~
19 ~~improvement to a waterworks system~~ if the most recent capacity
20 assessment shows that the waterworks system does not have adequate
21 technical, financial, or managerial capacity to meet the
22 requirements of this act and the rules promulgated under this act,
23 and the deficiencies identified in that capacity assessment remain
24 uncorrected, unless the proposed construction will remedy the
25 deficiencies. **The department may deny a construction permit of a**
26 **proposed community supply or a nontransient noncommunity water**
27 **supply if the capacity assessment shows that the proposed system**
28 **does not have adequate technical, financial, or managerial capacity**
29 **to meet the requirements of this act and the rules promulgated**

1 **under this act.**

2 (8) The department may verbally approve minor modifications of
3 a construction permit issued by the department as a result of
4 unforeseen site conditions that become apparent during
5 construction. Minor modifications include, but are not limited to,
6 extending a hydrant lead or routing a water main around a manhole.
7 A supplier ~~making~~**that makes** a request for a modification shall
8 provide to the department all relevant information required under
9 this section and the application form provided by the department
10 related to the modification. A supplier shall obtain written
11 approval from the department for all modifications to a waterworks
12 system except when the department provides verbal approval for a
13 minor modification as provided for in this subsection. A supplier
14 ~~receiving~~**that receives** a written or verbal approval from the
15 department shall submit revised plans and specifications to the
16 department ~~within~~**not later than** 10 days ~~from~~**after** the date of
17 approval.

18 (9) If a supplier seeks confirmation of the department's
19 verbal approval of a minor modification under subsection (8), the
20 supplier shall notify the department electronically, at an address
21 specified by the department, with a detailed description of the
22 request for the modification. The department shall make reasonable
23 efforts to respond within 2 business days, confirming whether the
24 request ~~has been~~**is** approved or not approved. If the department has
25 not responded within 2 business days after the department receives
26 the detailed description, the verbal approval ~~shall be~~**is**
27 considered confirmed.

28 (10) As a condition of a **construction** permit issued **by the**
29 **department** under this section, ~~to~~ a community supply ~~, the~~

1 ~~department shall require the permit holder to annually submit a~~
 2 **report by April 1 of each year** to the department ~~a report by April~~
 3 ~~1 of each year~~ that contains the information described in section
 4 32707 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,
 5 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.32707.

6 (11) As used in this section, "assessment tool", "compact",
 7 "intrabasin transfer", "new or increased large quantity
 8 withdrawal", "waters of the state", and "zone C withdrawal" mean
 9 those terms as ~~they are~~ defined in section 32701 of the natural
 10 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL
 11 324.32701.

12 Sec. 17. (1) A person ~~engaged in producing~~ **that produces**
 13 bottled drinking water shall utilize a water source ~~meeting that~~
 14 **meets** the requirements of this ~~section and the requirements~~
 15 ~~otherwise provided in this act~~. Bottling ~~or~~ **and** packaging
 16 facilities and their operation ~~shall remain~~ under the supervision
 17 of the department of agriculture ~~as provided for in~~ **and rural**
 18 **development in accordance with** the food law, ~~of 2000,~~ 2000 PA 92,
 19 MCL 289.1101 to 289.8111.

20 (2) A person ~~producing~~ **that produces** bottled drinking water
 21 from an out-of-state source shall submit **to the department for**
 22 **approval** proof ~~to the director~~ that the source **of the water** and
 23 bottling facilities were approved by the agency ~~having~~ **that has**
 24 jurisdiction. The ~~director~~ **department** may withhold approval ~~of the~~
 25 ~~bottled water~~ **under this subsection** if the other agency's
 26 inspection, surveillance, and approval procedures and techniques
 27 are determined to be inadequate.

28 (3) A person ~~who~~ **that** proposes to engage in producing bottled
 29 drinking water from a new or increased large quantity withdrawal of

1 more than 200,000 gallons of water per day from the waters of the
 2 state or that will result in an intrabasin transfer of more than
 3 100,000 gallons **of water** per day average over any 90-day period
 4 shall submit an application **for a water withdrawal permit** to the
 5 department, ~~in-on~~ a form ~~required~~ **and in a manner prescribed** by the
 6 department, ~~containing~~ **that contains** an evaluation of
 7 environmental, hydrological, and hydrogeological conditions that
 8 exist and the predicted effects of the intended withdrawal that
 9 provides a reasonable basis for ~~the-a~~ determination under this
 10 section to be made.

11 (4) The department shall ~~only approve an application under~~
 12 ~~subsection (3)~~ **issue a water withdrawal permit only** if the
 13 department determines ~~both of~~ **all of** the following:

14 (a) **A completed application is submitted under subsection (3).**

15 (b) ~~(a)~~ **The proposed use-water withdrawal or intrabasin**
 16 **transfer** will meet the applicable standard provided in section
 17 32723 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,
 18 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.32723.

19 (c) ~~(b)~~ **The person will undertake activities, if needed, to**
 20 **address hydrologic impacts commensurate with the nature and extent**
 21 **of the withdrawal. These activities may include those related to**
 22 **the stream flow regime, water quality, and aquifer protection.**

23 (5) Before proposing activities under subsection ~~(4)(b)~~,
 24 **(4)(c)**, the person ~~proposing to engage in producing bottled~~
 25 ~~drinking water~~ **that submits an application for a water withdrawal**
 26 **permit under subsection (3)** shall consult with local government
 27 officials and interested community members.

28 (6) Before ~~making the determination~~ **the department issues a**
 29 **water withdrawal permit** under subsection (4), the department shall

1 provide public notice and an opportunity for public comment ~~of~~**for**
 2 not less than 45 days.

3 (7) If the person ~~proposing to engage in producing bottled~~
 4 ~~drinking water~~**submits an application for a water withdrawal permit**
 5 under subsection (3) ~~does~~**and the person has** not ~~have been issued a~~
 6 **construction** permit under section 4, the person shall ~~request a~~
 7 ~~determination~~**submit an application for a water withdrawal permit**
 8 **under subsection (3) and request the department issue the water**
 9 **withdrawal permit** under subsection (4) when ~~that~~**the** person applies
 10 for ~~a~~**the construction** permit under section 4. ~~If the person~~
 11 ~~proposing to engage in producing bottled drinking water has~~
 12 ~~previously received a permit under section 4, the person shall~~
 13 ~~obtain approval under subsection (4) prior to beginning the~~
 14 ~~operations. A proposed use for which the department makes a~~
 15 ~~determination that the conditions of subsection (4) will be met~~
 16 ~~shall be considered to satisfy~~**The department's issuance of a water**
 17 **withdrawal permit under subsection (4) satisfies** the requirements
 18 of section 4.11 of the compact.

19 (8) A person ~~seeking a departmental determination under~~
 20 ~~subsection (4) shall submit an application fee of \$5,000.00 to the~~
 21 ~~department. The department shall transmit application fees received~~
 22 ~~under this section to the state treasurer to be credited to the~~
 23 ~~water use protection fund created in section 32714.~~**water withdrawal**
 24 **permit issued under subsection (4) does not expire.**

25 (9) **Beginning January 1, 2027, a person shall not produce**
 26 **bottled drinking water unless the person is licensed by the**
 27 **department in accordance with this subsection and subsections (10)**
 28 **to (13). A person that applies for a license shall do so on an**
 29 **application and in a manner prescribed by the department. The**

1 applicant shall include all of the following with an application
2 for a license:

3 (a) A water withdrawal permit issued under subsection (4).

4 (b) A copy of the construction permit issued under section 4.

5 (c) Any other permits required under federal law.

6 (d) Any other information required by the department.

7 (e) An application fee in the amount of \$6,000.00. The
8 department shall transmit application fees received under this
9 subsection to the state treasurer to be credited to the water use
10 protection fund created in section 32714 of the natural resources
11 and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.32714.

12 (10) Not later than 30 days after the department receives a
13 completed license application under subsection (9), the department
14 shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Provide public notice of the application for a license.

16 (b) Accept public comments for not less than 45 days. Public
17 comments must be submitted to the department on a form and in a
18 manner prescribed by the department.

19 (c) If requested by a local unit of government or federally
20 recognized tribe, meet and consult with the local unit of
21 government or federally recognized tribe not later than 15 days
22 after a request is made. A request under this subdivision must be
23 submitted to the department on a form and in a manner prescribed by
24 the department.

25 (d) Hold at least 1 public hearing on the license application.
26 The department shall provide notice as required under the open
27 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, of the time and
28 place of the public hearing.

29 (11) The department shall approve or deny an application for a

1 license not later than 90 days after the requirements under
2 subsection (10) are completed. The department shall issue a license
3 only if the department determines all of the following requirements
4 are met:

5 (a) The application is complete. If the application is
6 incomplete, the department shall notify the applicant in writing
7 not later than 30 days after the application is received, and state
8 the deficiency and request additional information.

9 (b) The applicant is in compliance with the terms and
10 conditions of a permit issued under subsection (4), and any permits
11 required under federal law.

12 (c) There is sufficient data and information to evaluate the
13 environmental impacts of the proposed water withdrawal on the water
14 source, watershed, and water distribution system.

15 (d) A license issued under this section will not interfere
16 with or impair public trust resources and uses.

17 (12) If the department denies an application for license, the
18 department shall notify the applicant of the denial within 90 days
19 and state the reasons for the denial. If the department denies an
20 application for a license, the applicant may appeal the denial by
21 submitting a written request for a hearing to the department. The
22 applicant must submit the request to the department not more than
23 15 days after the date of the denial. The department shall conduct
24 a hearing requested under this section in accordance with the
25 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
26 24.328.

27 (13) A license issued under this section is valid for 5 years
28 from the date of issuance and is nontransferable.

29 (14) A license is not required under this section for any of

1 the following:

2 (a) The production of a product that contains or incorporates
3 water obtained from a private well or waterworks system.

4 (b) The withdrawal, treatment, distribution, or delivery of
5 water or the provision of services offered by a public or private
6 water utility, public water supply, or waterworks system.

7 (c) The sale of water obtained from a private well or
8 waterworks system in a glass bottle or other container incidental
9 to a wholesale or retail business.

10 (d) The use of water for agriculture, manufacturing,
11 generation of electricity, or industrial purposes.

12 (15) ~~(9) This section shall not be construed as affecting,~~
13 ~~intending to affect, or in any way altering or interfering~~ **does not**
14 **affect, alter, or interfere** with common law water rights or the
15 applicability of **any** other laws ~~providing~~ **law that provides** for the
16 protection of natural resources or the environment.

17 (16) ~~(10) A person who proposes to engage in producing that~~
18 **produces** bottled drinking water and ~~who~~ submitted an application
19 for a permit under section 4 ~~prior to the effective date of the~~
20 ~~amendatory act that added this subsection~~ **before July 9, 2008** is
21 subject to the provisions of this section that existed on February
22 28, 2006.

23 (17) ~~(11) As used in this section, "compact", "intrabasin~~
24 ~~transfer", "new or increased large quantity withdrawal", and~~
25 ~~"waters of the state" mean those terms as they are defined in~~
26 section 32701 of the natural resources and environmental protection
27 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.32701.

28 **Sec. 17a. A person that is licensed under section 17 shall pay**
29 **a royalty equal to 25 cents per gallon of water that is bottled.**

1 Quarterly, a person that is licensed under section 17 shall remit
2 to the department the royalties and a report that documents the
3 total volume of water withdrawn per month and the total volume of
4 water that is used for bottled drinking water per month. A royalty
5 collected by the department under this section must be deposited in
6 the Michigan water trust fund created in section 1205 of the
7 natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451,
8 MCL 324.1205.

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
10 unless Senate Bill No. ____ (request no. S01434'25) or House Bill
11 No. ____ (request no. H01434'25) of the 103rd Legislature is
12 enacted into law.

**Water/Sewer UAB Report
April 2026**

Project Name	Contractor	Award Date	Substantial Completion Date	Final Completion Date	Water Fund Authorized NTE Amt	Sewer Fund Authorized NTE Amt	Est. Year for Rates	Integrated (Y/N)
Replacement of Lead Service Lines at VARIOUS LOCATIONS 2026-2	Groundhawg Excavating & Landscaping, LLC	4/14/2026	10/15/2027	10/29/2027	\$2,889,800.00	N/A	2027	N (GR)
Water Main Replacement and Improvements in PLYMOUTH AVENUE from Alger Street to Burton Street	Anlaan Corporation	4/28/2026	8/14/2027	5/8/2028	\$2,669,695.00	N/A	2027	N (GR)

KEY PROVISIONS OF 2025 BIPARTISAN WATER AFFORDABILITY BILLS

Water Affordability Fund – SB248

- \$1.25 per meter charge/monthly/all customers; or the monthly billing equivalent.
- Prescribes administrative fees, no lapse to the general fund.
- Covers gap payments, arrearages, and plumbing repairs.
- \$15M/year from the fund can be used for plumbing repairs.
- Fees collected within each DHHS business service center region must be disbursed to providers and program administrators within that same region.
- A municipality is considered part of the same business service center region as its wholesale provider, unless there is an agreement stating the municipality will be within its geographical service center region.
- Data on participation to be collected biannually.
- \$1.25 monthly fee on metered or flat rate accounts excludes fire line and irrigation accounts.
- Definition of “provider” includes utilities that supply and/or perform retail billing for other communities.
- Locally administered programs can seek alternate funding mechanisms to supplement programs.
- If a provider has a preexisting water affordability or assistance program in the previous year, the water provider may charge: (1) the full funding factor, (2) provider’s monthly fee minus the average amount customers in that service area paid into the preexisting program, OR (3) the full funding factor less 10% if the provider had a fee or funding mechanism.
- DHHS administers the fund for auditing purposes.
- Department can reduce the funding factor if there are enough funds for 3 years.
- Payments made to a provider from the fund are exempt from levy, attachment, garnishment, etc., or any other process to collect debt.

Creation of Low-Income Water Residential Affordability Program Task Force – SB249

- Task force established to make recommendations to the State regarding administration of the plan, benefits, or funding.
- Comprised of representatives from different-sized communities—rural, suburban, and urban areas.
- Task force may review and revise base allocation water usage limits.
- Develop educational outreach materials.
- Explore ways to expand programming.

Water Affordability Program – SB250

- FOUR OPTIONS FOR LOCAL PROVIDERS:

<p>1. Collect the \$1.25 monthly funding factor, submit that to the state, and participate in the DHHS state water affordability program; funding collected in each DHHS service center region stays in that region.</p>	<p>2. Collect the \$1.25 monthly funding factor, submit that to the state, and maintain or start your own local water affordability program; two or more providers can combine; funding collected in your DHHS service center region will fund your program.</p>
<p>3. “Local option” – Don’t collect the \$1.25 monthly funding factor, maintain or start your own local water affordability program, and develop your own funding source; two or more providers can combine.</p>	<p>4. “Opt out” – for providers with 6,000 or fewer customers, don’t collect the \$1.25 monthly funding factor, and instead of creating your own local water affordability program, your governing board adopts a policy regarding arrears to not: shut off water, certify any amount to the property tax authority, and pursue aggressive debt collection.</p>

- Covers water, sewerage, and drainage charges billed by the provider.
- Two tiers of payments based on income – up to 135% of FPL; up to 200% FPL.
- Customer payment does not exceed 2% of average household income in the first tier; 3% of average household income in the second tier.
- \$1,500 arrearage forgiveness the first year; plus \$1,500, if needed, the second year.
- No shut off if enrolled in program or on payment plan.
- Definition of “provider” includes utilities that supply and/or perform retail billing for other communities.
- Waiver process to be established for households with hardships at 200-250% of FPL so they can participate in the program.
- Arrearages paid upon enrollment; third-party administrator notifies the provider within 3 business days that the applicant is under review, and shut off is prohibited.
- If funding is insufficient, available fund distribution should prioritize all enrollees equitably across each geographic region and population size.
- Only licensed plumbers may be used for minor plumbing repairs; only owner-occupied homes are eligible for plumbing repairs if enrolled in the program.
- A base allocation of water usage per month:
 - households with 0 to 4 people, 6 to 8 ccf;
 - households with 5 to 6 people, 9 to 11 ccf;
 - households with 7 to 8 people, 12 to 14 ccf;
 - households with 9 to 10 people, 15 to 17 ccf; and
 - households with 11 or more people, 18 to 20 ccf.

- If the eligible customer exceeds the base allocation, the water provider shall charge their normal rate for excess. If a household exceeds its limit, then the third-party administrator takes steps to reduce consumption.
- DHHS refers to MEAP Manual and looks at SNAP and other programs' redetermination processes and timelines in creating rules for this program.
- DHHS engages in public relations activities to promote the affordability program.
- State law takes precedence over conflicting local ordinances.

Shutoff Protection – SB252

- Notice provisions before shutoff for nonpayment shall be on bills, door hangers, a home visit, calls, and/or texts.
- Must apply for a program or payment plan to prevent shut off.
- Shut-offs limited to certain days/times; restoration must be prompt.
- Critical care customers protected.
- If the customer fails to comply with program rules, a triage process is established to provide wraparound services before unenrollment.
- If unlawfully occupied, the owner can request a water shutoff.
- If water is shut off for public health reasons, the public must be notified consistent with Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Three notifications to customers facing shutoff.
- Protections for tenants if landlord/owner is responsible for paying the water bill but fails to do so: tenant provides a copy of the lease to the provider; no shut off allowed; water provider may still collect from the owner under Municipal Water Liens Act.

Tenant Right to Copy of Landlord Water Bill – SB253

- Request may be made to send water bills to both landlord and tenant.

Illegal reconnections – SB255

- Reduction from felony to misdemeanor for illegal turn-ons at low-income homes whose account holder could not pay.
- Affected households with illegal reconnection after shut-off referred to the low-income water affordability program if eligible.
- Reduction of the community service hours penalty.



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March 23, 2026

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RE: Water Affordability Program Legislation: Senate Bills 248, 250, and 252

Dear Members of the Michigan Legislature,

As local government officials responsible for managing municipal water utilities, we write to express our strong opposition to Senate Bills 248, 250, and 252. While we recognize the intent to improve water affordability and access for low-income residents, these bills would impose significant financial and operational burdens on local municipalities, undermine local control, and create practical implementation challenges that ultimately harm the very communities they aim to serve. The Kent County Metro Six Communities have a long history of effectively and efficiently managing our utility systems. Additionally, our current systems already include programs addressing water affordability and accessibility, funded through late payment fees. While we recognize the importance of ensuring access to clean, affordable water for all residents, we believe these bills are misguided and will create undue burdens on our communities.

As the Kent County Metro Six Mayors, we appreciate the intent to improve water accessibility; these bills would place undue financial and operational burdens on local municipalities and water providers. We are particularly concerned about the proposed reallocation of funds collected from our utility customers to support other municipal utilities regionally and across the state. Our residents expect their user fees to remain focused on maintaining, operating, and investing in the sustainability of our local systems.

Our detailed concerns, outlined below, focus on critical issues regarding local control, financial impacts, utility operations, and public safety.

Financial Concerns

The mandate to cap water bills at 2–3% of household income for eligible customers, combined with arrearage forgiveness of up to \$3,000 per household, represents a substantial unfunded mandate. Although SB 248 establishes a funding mechanism through a statewide retail water fee, the regional reallocation model creates fundamental inequities by directing revenues collected from our customers to MDHHS business center regions, where they may be redistributed to utilities across the region rather than remaining dedicated to our local systems. This regional redistribution means our ratepayers help support other utilities that may have different cost structures or operational approaches. For municipalities that have invested in infrastructure, implemented effective collection practices, and maintained fiscal

discipline, this cross-subsidization risks diminishing the value of those efforts and may lessen incentives for continuous improvement.

The \$1.25-per-meter monthly fee, escalating by \$0.25 annually through 2029, adds approximately \$18–\$24 per year to every residential water bill. For households just above eligibility thresholds—working families already struggling with inflation—this represents a new financial burden with no direct benefit, as these customers receive neither affordability assistance nor assurance that their payments support their local system. In addition, utilities must remit collected funding factor revenues to the State Treasurer within 30 days of each billing cycle, creating cash-flow disruptions, particularly for smaller systems that rely on stable revenue streams to manage seasonal variations and finance capital projects. The administrative burden of tracking, reporting, and remitting these funds—separate from normal utility accounting—requires new systems and staff resources that are not reimbursed.

Operational Burdens and Administrative Complexity

SB 252’s shutoff-protection provisions impose unworkable constraints on local utilities. The requirement for multiple written and oral notifications with specific content, coupled with restricted shutoff hours (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. only), significantly increases administrative costs. Field staff must make multiple trips, document extensive communications, and coordinate within narrow time windows, all while attempting to maintain normal operations. Even more concerning, SB 252 prohibits shutoffs when customers make minimal monthly payments (as low as \$10) and apply for enrollment in an affordability program, which can create indefinite delays in collecting delinquent accounts—even from customers who demonstrate neither ability nor willingness to pay their full obligations. Over time, this framework leads to growing arrearages, increased bad-debt write-offs, and inequitable cost-shifting to customers who continue to pay in full.

At the same time, state oversight under SB 250 increasingly replaces local management. The bill requires utilities to submit annual affordability program plans to MDHHS for approval, notify the department of substantive changes, and undergo ongoing state review, which slows local decision-making and imposes a one-size-fits-all approach that ignores the diversity of Michigan’s water systems—from small rural communities to large urban providers. Each system faces unique demographics, cost structures, and customer needs that state-level mandates cannot adequately address. Furthermore, the requirement to model affordability programs on the Michigan Energy Assistance Program, including detailed income verification processes, documentation of major life events, and participation time limits, represents a substantial unfunded administrative mandate. Unlike energy providers, water utilities generally lack the social-services infrastructure that MEAP administrators have built over decades, so developing comparable capacity would require new staff, training, IT systems, and ongoing coordination with MDHHS, all without corresponding funding.

Implementation Timeline Challenges

For utilities with 500 or more retail service connections, participation is effectively mandatory. The proposed compressed timeline does not allow adequate time for:

- System modifications to track and apply income-based billing
- Staff recruitment, training, and capacity building
- Development of income verification and enrollment processes
- Coordination with MDHHS on regional fund allocation
- Public education and customer outreach
- Testing and refinement of new procedures

Municipal utilities operate under budget cycles, collective bargaining agreements, and procurement requirements that cannot be accelerated simply because legislation demands it. Rushing implementation invites errors, customer confusion, and operational disruptions that undermine the program's effectiveness.

Erosion of Local Control and Authority

Water and sewer systems are quintessentially local infrastructure. Residents elect local officials who set rates, approve capital investments, and ensure service quality based on community priorities. SB 248, 250, and 252 subordinate this local accountability to state bureaucratic oversight, removing critical decisions from the officials closest to customers.

SB 248 grants MDHHS authority to direct providers to impose the funding factor if the department determines that providers are "unable to administer or fund a program" for two consecutive years. This provision effectively mandates participation and overrides local decisions about whether and how to participate in state programs. For municipalities that have developed effective local affordability programs funded through alternative means, like the Metro Six Communities, this represents an unwelcome intrusion into local governance.

The creation of a state-level Program Task Force under SB 250 risks marginalizing local utility perspectives in favor of advocacy groups and state agencies with limited operational experience. While task forces can provide valuable input, the ultimate authority for managing local utilities should remain with elected local officials accountable to their communities.

Enforcement and System Integrity Concerns

While SB 252 does not directly decriminalize unauthorized reconnections, the complex interplay of shutoff prohibitions, notice requirements, payment plan obligations, and dispute-resolution mandates may effectively prevent utilities from managing delinquent accounts. When customers can indefinitely delay disconnection by making minimal payments or filing disputes, the incentive to pay full obligations diminishes.

The prohibition on shutoffs to multi-unit dwellings where at least one unit is not submetered creates particular problems. Utilities have no control over landlord billing practices, yet this provision penalizes municipalities for property owner decisions. The result may be increased bad debt from multi-family properties and reluctance to serve these customers.

Conclusion

Senate Bills 248, 250, and 252 reflect a fundamental misunderstanding of how local utilities operate and what makes water service sustainable. The mandatory statewide fee, regional revenue redistribution, complex state oversight, and restrictive shutoff provisions impose significant costs and operational constraints on efficiently managed municipal systems.

These bills solve state-level policy objectives at the expense of local fiscal health and operational effectiveness. Rather than supporting utilities that have responsibly managed their systems, the legislation penalizes efficiency through cross-subsidization and regulatory burden.

We urge the legislature to reconsider this approach and work collaboratively with municipal officials to develop solutions that are financially sustainable, operationally practical, and respectful of local authority. Water affordability is achievable without sacrificing the local control and fiscal discipline that have made Michigan's municipal utilities successful.

Sincerely,

Davide LaGrand Mayor, City of Grand Rapids	Kent Vanderwood Mayor, City of Wyoming	Stephen C.N. Kepley Mayor, City of Kentwood
Gary Carey Mayor, City of Walker	Steven Maas Mayor, City of Grandville	Katie Favale Mayor, City of East Grand Rapids



Utility Advisory Board
1900 Oak Industrial Drive NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

March 25, 2026

Dear Senator/Representative,

The City of Grand Rapids Water and Sewer Systems and its Partner Communities, collectively known as the Utility Advisory Board (UAB), would like to express our support for water affordability in the State of Michigan. The communities represented by the UAB are:

- Ada Township
- Caledonia Charter Township
- Cascade Township
- City of East Grand Rapids
- City of Grand Rapids
- City of Kentwood
- Ottawa County
- City of Walker
- Gaines Township
- Tallmadge Township
- Wright Township

The UAB meets monthly to discuss matters related to the well-being of our community water supply and residents. To demonstrate our commitment, the board allocates approximately \$300,000 of non-operating revenue to the local Community Action Agency annually. The funding is for water and sewer payment assistance, supporting those in our community who struggle to pay their utility bills. In most years, we do not receive enough requests to fully expend these funds. The services we collaboratively provide have been effective for nearly 20 years, and we are concerned that the proposed bills may impact long-standing partnerships and the assistance that we deliver.

We applaud the diverse assembly of stakeholders engaged in the conversations surrounding the water affordability package introduced at the State level, by Senator Chang and co-sponsors. We recognize the efforts of the workgroups, which included West Michigan stakeholders, water providers from across the state, local government officials, clean water advocates, environmental organizations, community action agencies, United Way partners, and staff from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The UAB remains concerned about several key aspects of the water affordability package and the overall approach to addressing affordability statewide. Our concerns are:

- Lack of transparency in the proposed funding allocation. The funding formula raises questions about projected revenue versus actual need. We believe it is essential to establish a more transparent, data-driven allocation formula, accompanied by a statewide utility rate transparency report, to ensure equitable distribution of funds remain in the community that generates them.

- The requirements related to income levels, population-based water allocations, household income data, and the waiving of arrearages create administrative burdens many communities cannot meet. Most will lack the capacity to track the added data categories or process more complex bills without significant staffing increases or customer information system upgrades.
- We oppose the shut-off protections that have been proposed. During the COVID-19 water shut-off moratorium, we experienced a significant increase in delinquent account balances and have concerns that similar outcomes may occur under the proposed protections.
- Decriminalization of unauthorized water reconnection. We oppose this change, as decisions regarding enforcement should remain at the local level with consideration for the unique circumstances of each community.
- The appropriateness of using public dollars for improvements and repairs on plumbing for private property has long-term implications of directing public funds toward private plumbing repairs.

We are in support of the tenant account bill, which aims to provide additional support for tenants in need. This is a crucial step towards ensuring all Michigan residents have access to essential utilities.

Before launching any funding program, we strongly recommend passing the long-discussed Data Transparency Bill. This bill would provide a clear understanding of what a funding program should finance, identify utilities with outdated rate study models, and determine the actual needs of each community. It would also indicate the systems with the greatest need for assistance and affordability programs, while highlighting those that already have effective programs in place.

Public utilities like water and sewer are not-for-profit entities and rely on rates to fund operations and infrastructure. We urge you to consider this distinction in your deliberations and work toward a funding bill that effectively addresses the unique challenges utilities face.

Thank you for your time and attention to our concerns. We are eager to discuss these matters further and work collaboratively towards solutions that best serve all communities across the state of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Wayne Jernberg, P.E.
Chairperson, Utility Advisory Board
Utilities Director, City of Grand Rapids

Water and Sewer Connection Policy
Grand Rapids and Partner Communities
April 22, 2026

Present

Wayne Jernberg, Mike DeVries, Russell Flewelling, Brendan Earl, Sarah Simmonds, Kolene Allen, Alison Nugent, James Ouzts, Scott Conners

Background Information and Overview

Wayne, Alison, Mike, and Scott are all members of the Grand Rapids Utility Advisory Board. There were recent discussions regarding requirements for connecting properties to public water and sanitary sewer, particularly following a recent case in Grand Rapids Township involving a resident with a failing septic system and concerns about connection costs. The situation involved Kent County Community Action and Kent County Health Department which highlighted inconsistencies in how connection requirements are interpreted and enforced.

The City of Grand Rapid code for sanitary sewer, section 2.65.3, requires properties within 200 feet of municipal sewer to connect when a septic system fails and the local health agency governing private sanitary sewer septic systems has determined that such failure exists and that it is unable to issue a permit for repair or replacement of such failed system within the parcel of property where the failed system is located. For water service, Section 2.23.1 is less clearly defined because there is no legal standard for when a private well is considered to have “failed.” Once a property connects to the municipal system, it can never disconnect. Even though it is a Grand Rapids ordinance, by contract, all partner communities also adopt and enforce the ordinance.

Discussion

There is a need for greater consistency across communities and agencies while still recognizing that many situations must be evaluated case by case. Distance alone does not always determine feasibility. Factors such as topography, access, lot layout, engineering constraints, and the need for grinder pumps or easements can make connections difficult or impractical. At the same time, there was agreement that where utilities are readily available, delaying connection could postpone larger public health issues.

In the Grand Rapids Township case, the sewer main extensions and laterals had already been installed to serve the property and nearby homes, and the Township had multiple options available to help reduce or defer connection costs. However, due to

miscommunication and lack of full cost information, the resident pursued a septic replacement instead. The resident was not transparent which also added to the situation.

If homeowners are allowed to choose septic replacement because it appears cheaper, it undermines long-term investments made by municipalities to extend infrastructure and creates challenges for future enforcement. There was also discussion about the importance of ensuring all decisions remain legally defensible and based on clear ordinances, rather than informal practices.

The group also discussed contamination concerns, particularly PFAS, nitrates, and arsenic in groundwater. Members noted that properties with known groundwater contamination should be strongly considered for required connection to public water where feasible. Wayne emphasized the need for stronger collaboration with EGLE and the Health Department, particularly in situations where state funding could help support short water main extensions to connect homes with contaminated or failing wells. There was also interest in requiring abandoned contaminated wells to be properly capped when properties connect to public water.

Environmentally sensitive areas and lake communities were identified as another priority. Members discussed locations where failing septic systems pose environmental risks to lakes, rivers, and other sensitive areas. There was interest in developing a more strategic approach for identifying these areas early and planning future sewer extensions where needed. Participants noted that upcoming statewide septic code discussions may increase pressure to address these locations proactively.

The group discussed using GIS mapping and County permit data to better identify parcels with existing private systems, repeated septic failures, small lot sizes, and high-risk areas. This could help communities anticipate future problems, support planning and zoning decisions, and improve public education for homeowners about connection expectations before failures occur. Members noted that lots under one-half acre are especially difficult for septic replacement and may require stronger planning considerations.

Next steps

Proposed several next steps:

- Draft potential ordinance language updates to clarify connection requirements and improve consistency. **(Utility Advisory Board)**
- Develop a joint SOP outlining the roles of the Health Department, local municipalities, and the City when connection decisions arise. **(Kolene)**

- Continue discussions with the State regarding funding opportunities for small-scale extensions and environmentally sensitive areas. **(All)**
- Explore mapping tools and thresholds for identifying areas where additional septic/well permits may no longer be appropriate. **(Kent County Health Department)**

Scott Connors offered to assist with ordinance review, and the group agreed that quarterly meetings would be helpful to continue collaboration and knowledge sharing across communities.

Sec. 2.23.1 - Public water connection required.

The owner of each house, building or other structure equipped with plumbing fixtures and used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other potable use, e.g., domestic use, situated within or outside the City and abutting any street, alley, right-of-way or public utility easement in which there is located, or may in the future be located, a public watermain served by the City Water System, shall, at her, his or its expense, install suitable plumbing facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly to the public watermain, provided said public watermain is within a two hundred (200) foot radius of the house, building or other structure where connection will occur and, provided further, such connection shall not be required to a house, building or other structure where on the effective date of this Section it was served by a private water well until such time as such private water well fails and the local health agency governing private water wells has determined that such failure exists and that it is unable to issue a permit for repair or replacement of such failed well within the parcel of property where the failed well is located. Well failure shall be as determined and defined by the local health agency governing private water wells within the areas served by the Water System. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentences, all domestic water usage at such connected house, building or structure shall be through the Water System; private wells shall not be permitted to provide domestic water service to such house, building or structure; and once connected to the public Water System disconnection shall be prohibited. It shall be the owner's responsibility to plug or cap the abandoned domestic water well and contact the local health agency that governs private water wells for proper procedures for plugging and capping such abandoned domestic water wells. Notwithstanding any current or future agreement between the City and another municipality being served by the City Water System, said municipality shall have the option of adopting the provisions of this section.

(Ord. No. 2010-64, § 1, 11-30-10)

Sec. 2.65.3. - Public Sanitary Sewage Connection Required.

The owner of each house, building or other structure equipped with plumbing fixtures and used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes situated within or outside the City and abutting any street, alley, right-of-way or public utility easement in which there is located, or may in the future be located, a public sanitary sewer collector main served by the City Sewage Disposal System, shall, at her, his or its expense, install suitable plumbing facilities therein and connect such facilities directly to the public sanitary sewer collector main, provided said public sanitary sewer collector main is within a two hundred (200) foot radius of the house, building or other structure where connection will occur and, provided, further, such connection shall not be required to a house, building or structure where on the effective date of this Section it was served by a private sanitary sewer septic system until such time as such private sanitary sewer septic system fails and the local health agency governing private sanitary sewer septic systems has determined that such failure exists and that it is unable to issue a permit for repair or replacement of such failed system within the parcel of property where the failed system is located. Septic system failure shall be as determined and defined by the local health agency governing private sanitary sewer septic systems. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentences, all sanitary sewage usage at such connected house, building or structure shall be through the Sewage Disposal System; private sanitary sewer septic systems shall not be permitted; and once connected to the public Sewage Disposal System disconnection shall be prohibited. It shall be the owner's responsibility to plug and fill the abandoned septic system and contact the local health agency that governs private septic systems for proper procedures. Notwithstanding any current or future agreement between the City and another municipality being served by the City Sewage Disposal System, said municipality shall have the option of adopting the provisions of this section.

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