

City of Monticello, MN

FUNDING REQUEST: WATER TREATMENT PLANT



Monticello's municipal drinking water meets federal and state regulatory requirements, but tests have shown that Monticello's municipal wells have manganese levels above the Minnesota Department of Health's recommended health guidelines. While our bodies require some manganese to be healthy, excessive levels can be harmful.

To best serve the community, the City needs to build a Water Treatment Plant.



Water Treatment Plant Proposed Design

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Funding support will allow Monticello to bond for a significant but manageable amount that's more feasibly absorbed by utility rate payers.

In May 2023, the City of Monticello received \$11 million for construction of a new water treatment facility through the 2023 Bonding Bill passed by the State of Minnesota. State funding was critical for accelerating the timeline for building the facility and its associated utility infrastructure in our community.

We're grateful for state support; however, due to rapidly escalating costs, we're requesting additional funding support.

Monticello's request is not intended to minimize our local responsibility for funding the new facility. Our Long-Term Financial Plan facilitates a proactive strategy for allocating resources. Regardless of potential support, Monticello plans to issue bonds to complete the project.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$40 million

FUNDING

State of Minnesota:

\$11 million

Local Funds:

\$29 million

LOCAL FINANCIAL IMPACTS

- Among regional peer communities, Monticello has the lowest median and mean household incomes (*City of Monticello 2023 Housing Needs Study*).
- Larger percentages of Monticello's population fall into low-income categories and smaller percentages fall into high income categories when compared with county level data (*City of Monticello 2023 Housing Needs Study*).
- The utility rate increase required to fund the project is estimated at 65%. Without additional assistance, this would be a significant burden on Monticello's utility rate payers.



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ADDRESSING WATER QUALITY

The City is actively addressing manganese levels in the drinking water. The municipal well with the highest levels has been taken out of service, and a feasibility study recommended constructing a centralized water treatment facility.

The new facility will be constructed at a city-owned site on Chelsea Road that houses existing utility infrastructure.

While homeowners can use at-home solutions like water filters to reduce manganese, a water treatment plant will ensure water quality before public distribution.

Providing safe drinking water is one of our fundamental responsibilities. We are committed to enhancing this service so residents can feel confident every time they turn on the tap.



PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE

2023 Planning & Funding

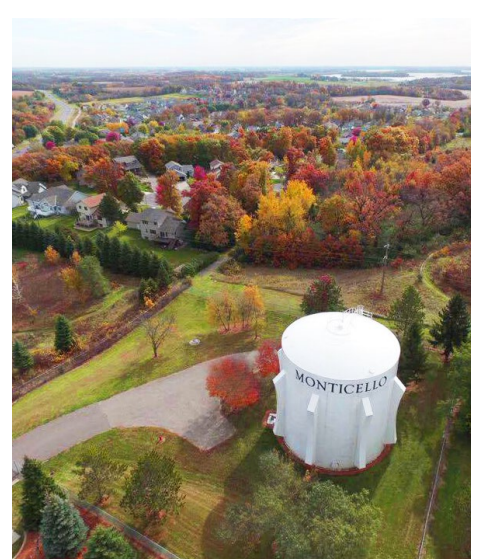
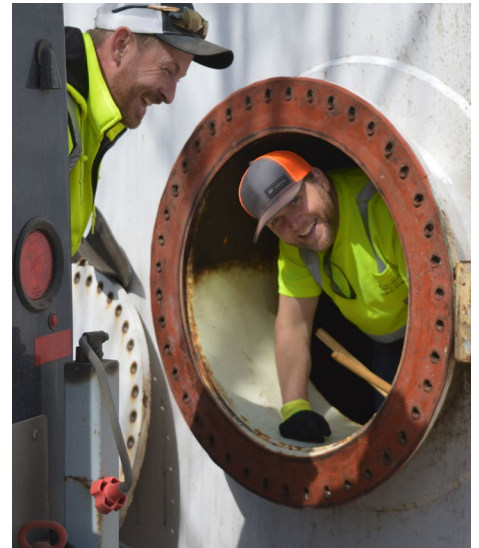
- ☑ Received \$11 million from the State of Minnesota for construction of a future plant.
- ☑ Selected AE2S to design the plant
- ☑ Initiated review of the existing Feasibility Study

2024 Facility Design

- Environmental, historical, & natural resource investigations (in progress)
- Architectural design, specifications, renderings, drawings & cost estimate (in progress)
- Conventional Filtration Pilot Study that meets all MDH requirements (in progress)

2025-2027 Looking Forward

- Final Design (2025)
- Construction Documents (2025)
- Project Bidding for Construction of the plant (2025-2026)
- Project Construction (2027)



Additional Project Information:

www.ci.monticello.mn.us/643/New-Water-Treatment-Facility



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