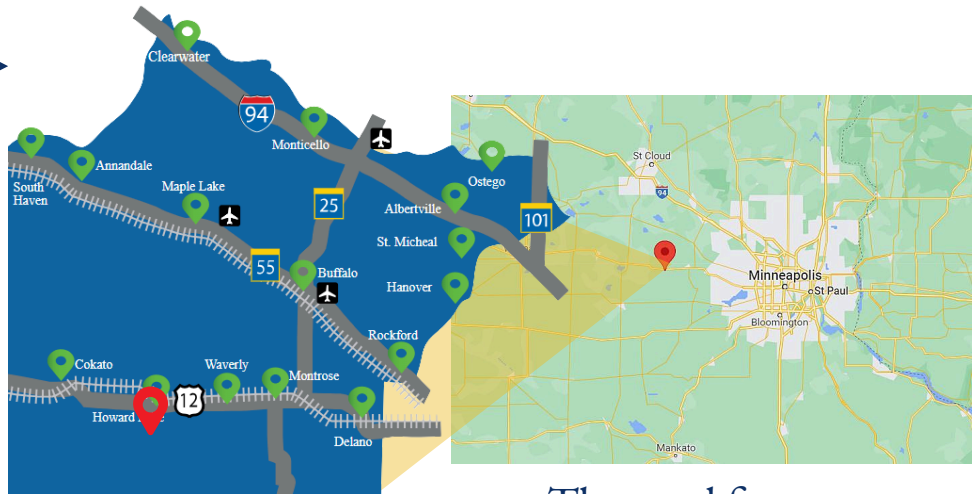




# SMALL Community BIG Infrastructure Needs

## HOWARD LAKE

- Howard Lake is a small community in Wright County, 40 miles west of the Twin Cities.
- The population is approximately 2,100 people.
- There are approximately 900 utility billing accounts, which include a mix of commercial, residential and multi-family residential
- Residents are already experiencing some of the highest utility rates in the state.



Howard Lake Utility Bill		
	Water Only	Total City Bill
Current	\$55.41	\$175
With State Appropriation	\$99.46	\$225
<u>Without State Appropriation</u>	<b>\$135</b>	<b>\$255</b>



## The need for a new Water Treatment Plant:

- Our population has surpassed the capacity of the current Water Treatment Plant.
- We are frequently encountering significant failures at our existing facility.
- The current well requires substantial repairs.
- An additional large water tower is necessary to meet demand.

## PROJECT DRIVERS



The City has identified \$40 million in infrastructure needs for 2025-2027, including street replacements, a new water tower, and a new water treatment plant.



Water Rate Equity emphasizes the need for more funding to keep Minnesota's water rates affordable. The city's small resident and tax base complicates this, unfairly impacting residents.



The outdated \$25 million water treatment plant is at capacity and cannot effectively remove contaminants like manganese and arsenic. A new facility is necessary to meet state and federal clean drinking water standards.

## FUNDING REQUEST - \$15M

This request aims to address our drinking water needs and assist the City in meeting the State's income and affordability standards.