

# Wastewater Treatment Facility **FUNDING**

### Why does Watertown need funding?



New treatment standards from MPCA require City to expand treatment facility to meet more stringent standards.



Existing infrastructure is over 26 years old and needs replacement



Environmentally responsible for the State of Minnesota



Keep affordable user rates

#### What is Watertown doing to prepare for improvements?

The City of Watertown is investing in their project. The project has been designed and the plans and specifications have been approved by the MPCA and the project is on the Intended Use Plan (IUP). The estimated project cost for the City is approximately \$17.4 million and a grant request of \$10 million.

## How does improving infrastructure benefit Watertown and Minnesota?

- Protect the Waters of the South Fork of the Crow River
- Good Stewards for the Environment
- Maintain Viability of a Growing Community

# What are the impacts to the community if this is not funded?

Watertown's current facility is over 26 years old and needs upgrades to meet more stringent treatment standards. To date, the City has not had any Notice of Violations on the permit requirements. Left unfunded, the City would require significant user rate increases, potential moratoriums on growth, or inability to meet more stringent standards.

>\$17 M

needed to fund improvements

\$10 M grant request

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