

PFAS Water Treatment Design

City of Oak Park Heights



The City of Oak Park Heights is seeking \$1.55 million to support the design phase of a critical water treatment system to address contamination by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These “forever chemicals” present significant public health and environmental challenges, and action is needed to ensure safe drinking water for our community.

Project Overview

PFAS contamination has been detected in the City’s municipal water supply that exceeds the Minnesota Department of Health’s (MDH) Health Based Guidance Values for PFAS, requiring the City to design a water treatment facility. This funding request will assist in covering the costs associated with the design and engineering needed to develop a sustainable and effective solution.

The funding request will:

1. Support the comprehensive design of a PFAS water treatment system.
2. Enable the City to meet evolving regulatory requirements.
3. Lay the foundation for subsequent construction and implementation.

Regional Significance

The City of Oak Park Heights is a gateway between Minnesota and Wisconsin and is home to a thriving commercial area that serves as a regional destination for shopping, dining, and recreation, drawing visitors from throughout the Twin Cities metro area and western Wisconsin. Businesses, residents, and visitors rely on the City’s infrastructure, including its water supply, to sustain operations and ensure a high quality of life. By addressing this issue proactively, the City’s investment in clean water will protect regional public health, sustain commercial activity, and demonstrate a shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

Schedule

Design & Engineering: Summer 2025 – Summer 2027

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Total Cost

\$2.1M

Funding Request

\$1.55M