

# FRESHWATER

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Minnesota Senate Capital Investment Committee  
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 1100  
95 University Ave W, St Paul, MN 55103

## **Re: Support for a bonding bill and water infrastructure funding**

Dear members of the Capital Investment Committee,

As we reach the end of the 2026 legislative session, we strongly encourage you to support water infrastructure funding and passing a bonding bill. Safe drinking water, reliable sanitation, and clean lakes and rivers are the foundation of our economy, affecting the daily lives of every resident across the state.

The [2026 Minnesota Infrastructure Report Card](#) gave a C minus grade to our state's drinking water infrastructure and a C grade for stormwater and wastewater, clearly signaling that we are falling short of supporting this critical infrastructure, and the need is urgent. Maintaining infrastructure is our shared responsibility among policymakers, government, and the public alike.

This year, there were \$6.8 billion in capital budget requests, of which \$1 billion (15 percent) were water and wastewater related projects. The state received over \$3 billion in 2026 funding requests for local government projects, including \$882 million (30 percent) related to water and sewer systems.

Specifically, we would like to encourage you to support funding for water and infrastructure efforts including:

- HF3748/SF4122: Lead service line replacement funding
- HF4301/SF4457: Planning and assistance for water system regionalization
- Bonding bill to support the Public Facilities Authority, CREP funding, and local water infrastructure projects

Thank you for your work this session to support water infrastructure in the state, especially given changes in federal funding, and for your ongoing partnership in protecting and restoring Minnesota waters.

Sincerely,



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