Water infrastructure grant and loan programs administered by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority are currently underfunded, and approximately $200 million is needed this year to keep pace with growing need. This need is not going away — and it will only increase in the years ahead. According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, more than $5 billion is needed over the next 20 years to keep up with wastewater infrastructure needs statewide.

**IF THE LEGISLATURE FAILS TO PASS A BONDING BILL IN 2020 THAT FUNDS THE FULL $200M NEED, MINNESOTA WILL FALL FURTHER BEHIND.**

- Environmental concerns will persist
- Sewer & water rates will skyrocket as cities struggle to foot the entire bill for critical upgrades
- Unlike in the metro area, cities in Greater Minnesota do not have the ability to share facilities, which means there are fewer residents and businesses to split the costs
- Aging and failing infrastructure will continue to deteriorate, resulting in emergency situations and the need for more costly immediate repairs
- Economic growth will suffer
- Potential for drinking water safety risks
- Construction costs increase as projects are put on hold
More than 300 Minnesota cities have critical water infrastructure projects in the works ...

... including these projects currently awaiting funding:

1. **Babbitt - $11M total project cost**
   Upgrade wastewater facility and remove mercury from water flowing into Lake Superior as required by the Great Lakes Initiative.

2. **Nashwauk - $6.9M total project cost**
   Upgrade wastewater facility to remove phosphorus and connect with neighboring communities.

3. **Two Harbors - $20M total project cost**
   Rehabilitate wastewater treatment facility that treats for mercury and other pollutants.

4. **Elbow Lake - $4M total project cost**
   Replace water treatment facility and remove iron and manganese from drinking water.

5. **Melrose - $10.4M total project cost**
   Rehabilitate and expand treatment facility.

6. **Foley - $20.9M total project cost**
   Regionalize wastewater treatment facility to ensure long-term protection of waters.

7. **Cokato - $2.1M total project cost**
   Add new filtration and chemical treatment system to existing wastewater plant to treat phosphorus.

8. **Loretto - $1.5M total project cost**
   Connect to the Met Council regional sewer system to eliminate the city’s discharge to surface water.

9. **Wood Lake - $7.9M total project cost**
   Upgrade drinking water supply, treatment and distribution system.

10. **Wells - $6.3M total project cost**
    Plant upgrade to remove chloride discharges to the Maple River and reduce or eliminate the need for home water softeners.