

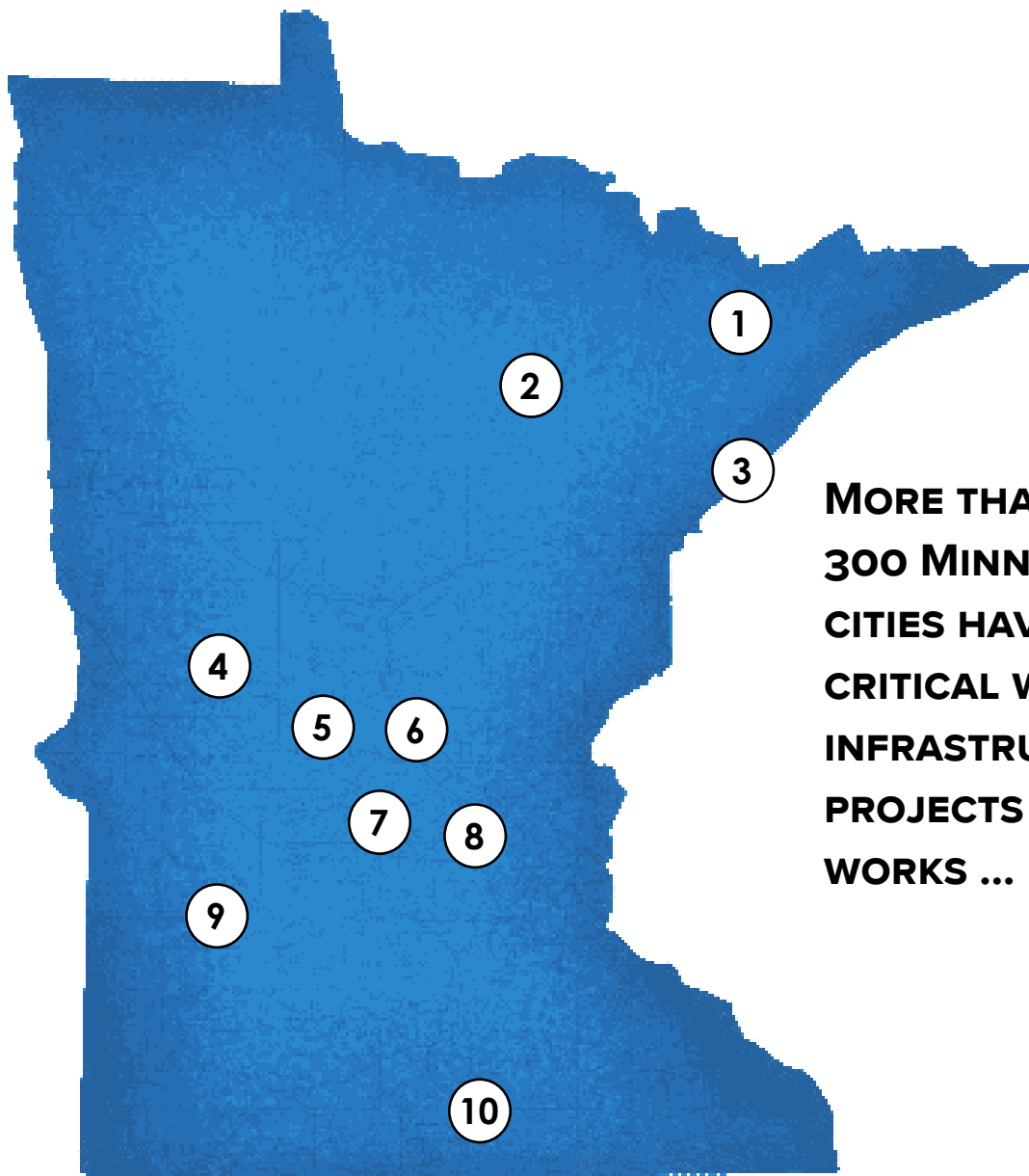
# Protect Minnesota's Waters

**CALL ON THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS SF 3336/HF 3529 FOR \$200M  
IN FUNDING FOR CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

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:**

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| <b>1</b> <b>Babbitt - \$11M total project cost</b><br>Upgrade wastewater facility and remove mercury from water flowing into Lake Superior as required by the Great Lakes Initiative. | <b>6</b> <b>Foley - \$20.9M total project cost</b><br>Regionalize wastewater treatment facility to ensure long-term protection of waters.                                       |
| <b>2</b> <b>Nashwauk - \$6.9M total project cost</b><br>Upgrade wastewater facility to remove phosphorus and connect with neighboring communities.                                    | <b>7</b> <b>Cokato - \$2.1M total project cost</b><br>Add new filtration and chemical treatment system to existing wastewater plant to treat phosphorus.                        |
| <b>3</b> <b>Two Harbors - \$20M total project cost</b><br>Rehabilitate wastewater treatment facility that treats for mercury and other pollutants.                                    | <b>8</b> <b>Loretto - \$1.5M total project cost</b><br>Connect to the Met Council regional sewer system to eliminate the city's discharge to surface water.                     |
| <b>4</b> <b>Elbow Lake - \$4M total project cost</b><br>Replace water treatment facility and remove iron and manganese from drinking water.   | <b>9</b> <b>Wood Lake - \$7.9M total project cost</b><br>Upgrade drinking water supply, treatment and distribution system.  |
| <b>5</b> <b>Melrose - \$10.4M total project cost</b><br>Rehabilitate and expand treatment facility.   | <b>10</b> <b>Wells - \$6.3M total project cost</b><br>Plant upgrade to remove chloride discharges to the Maple River and reduce or eliminate the need for home water softeners. |