

ELEVATE WATER

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AMERICA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE DEPENDS ON SAFE AND CLEAN WATER

America's future economic strength depends on investments made today in water infrastructure. These investments create jobs and support the economy. Consider these facts: Every \$1 invested in water and wastewater infrastructure increases long-term GDP by \$6.35; each job created in water and wastewater leads to 3.68 jobs in the national economy; over \$86 billion annually is spent on water-related sports activities. Studies also show that the US economy would stand to gain over \$200 billion in annual economic activity and 1.3 million jobs over a 10-year period by meeting its water infrastructure needs. But, without this investment, breakdowns in water supply, treatment and wastewater capacity are projected to cost manufacturers and other businesses over \$7.5 trillion in lost sales and \$4.1 trillion in lost GDP from 2011 to 2040.

AMERICA'S QUALITY OF LIFE DEPENDS ON SAFE AND CLEAN WATER

Well-functioning water and wastewater systems, and the research efforts to support them, are critically important to America's quality of life. Past investments in drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure have left America with some of the best drinking water in the world, while providing our children with safe water for swimming and bathing, and our cities and towns with opportunities to revitalize waterfronts to support new businesses, residences, and recreational activities.

However, investment in water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and research has failed to keep pace with maintenance demands and emerging hydrological threats, putting our quality of life gains at risk.

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ENSURES SAFE AND CLEAN WATER

Since enactment of the Clean Water Act in 1972 and the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974, Congress has supported a strong federal funding partnership with States and local ratepayers to pay for this critical infrastructure through:

- Investments in the Drinking and Clean Water State Revolving Funds, which return over \$.93 to the Federal Treasury for every \$1 invested;
- Tax-exempt municipal bonds, which financed nearly \$38 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure in 2016; and,
- WIFIA, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, which has the potential to leverage over \$60 for every \$1 invested in major water and wastewater projects.

Yet EPA estimates that America's water and wastewater infrastructure requires more than \$650 billion worth of investment over the next 20 years just to maintain current levels of service, and independent estimates place this figure over \$1 trillion. While local ratepayers will shoulder much of this burden, all levels of government must be part of the solution.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW THE LOCAL-STATE-FEDERAL SAFE AND CLEAN WATER FUNDING PARTNERSHIP

WE CALL ON CONGRESS TO ENSURE:

- ◆ **\$2.8 BILLION** for Clean Water State Revolving Fund for FY2018
- ◆ **\$1.8 BILLION** for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for FY2018
- ◆ **\$45 MILLION** for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for FY2018 (WIFIA)
- ◆ **\$50 MILLION** for the Bureau of Reclamation's water reuse and recycling program (Title XVI)
- ◆ **\$5 MILLION** for National Priorities Research Funding
- ◆ **FULL TAX-EXEMPT STATUS** for interest earned on municipal bonds
- ◆ **REMOVAL OF THE CAP** on tax-exempt private activity bonds for water and wastewater infrastructure

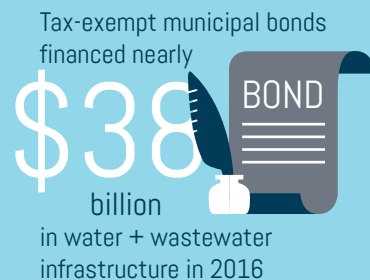
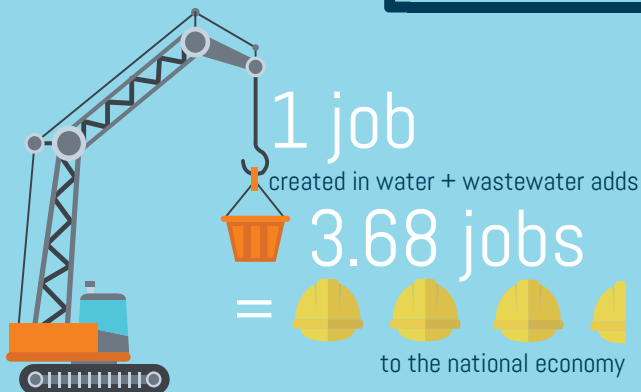
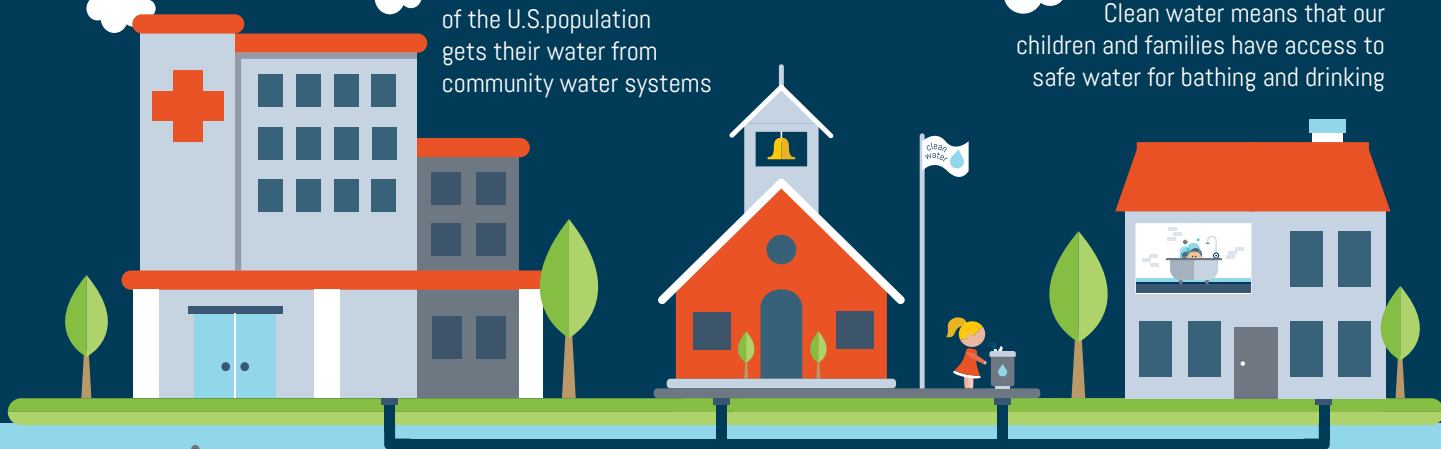
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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ELEVATE WATER!

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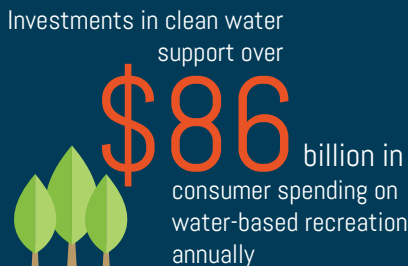
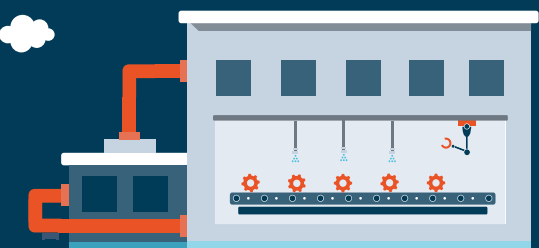
of the U.S. population gets their water from community water systems

Clean water means that our children and families have access to safe water for bathing and drinking



Safe and clean water means our industries can produce finished products with water free of contaminants

Safe and clean water is the lifeblood of healthy, vibrant communities and our nation's economy



Clean water means farmers can safely irrigate their crops



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