



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA
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Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal
Corporation, or Sub-unit thereof.

A Meeting of Wausau Water Works Commission will be held in the
Council Chambers, 1st Floor City Hall, Wausau, WI 54403 at 11:00 a.m. on
Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Members: Doug Diny (President), Sarah Watson, Jim Force, Joe Gehin, John Robinson

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of February 4, 2025 Meeting.
2. Director's Report on Utility Operations
 - Federal Funding Allocations
 - DNR Delays Funding Release and Closing of Loans
 - Asset Management Software
 - Wastewater Operations Tech Update
 - Wastewater Collections System Tech Update
 - Wastewater Leachate Update- on-going discussions
 - Wastewater- Headworks Screening Project
3. Discussion and Possible Action Approving the Amended 2025 CIP Budget for Water and Wastewater Utility.
4. Discussion and Possible Action Approving the Submission of a \$150,000 Grant to the WDNR for Lead Service Line Replacement Community Outreach.
5. Update on Water Meter Purchases and Replacements.
6. Wausau Wastewater Awarded the 2024 Facility of the Year.

Adjourn.

**Next meeting scheduled for May 6th 2025 @ 11:00 AM.*

Signed by: /s/ Doug Diny, Mayor
Presiding Officer or Designee

THIS NOTICE POSTED AT CITY HALL AND EMAILED TO CITY PAGES AND DAILY HERALD: April 4, 2025 at 12:45 p.m.

This meeting is being held in person. Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may view the meeting live over the internet, cable TV, Channel 981, and a video is available in its entirety and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/wausaucitycouncil>. Any person wishing to offer public comment not appearing in person may e-mail gina.vang@wausauwi.gov with "Water Commission Public Comment" in the subject line prior to the meeting start. All public comment, either by email or in person, will be limited to items on the agenda at this time. The messages related to agenda items received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Chair.

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Minutes of February 4, 2025

A meeting of the Wausau Water Works Commission was called to order at 11:02 a.m. in City Hall on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, this meeting was posted and receipted for by the Wausau Daily Herald on January 30, 2025.

Members Present: President Diny, Commissioners Robinson, Gehin

Force: 11:03 am, Watson: 11:16 am

Others Present: Eric Lindman, Scott Boers, Ben Brooks, Tonia Westphal/ClarkDietz, Susan Wojtkiewicz/Donohue

1) Approve Minutes of January 7, 2025 Meetings.

Robinson motioned to approve minutes. Seconded by Gehin.

Motion carried 3-0.

2) Director's Report on Utility Operations.

Lindman highlighted the LSL update and the council approval of latest amendment with Community Infrastructure Partners as proposed by the DNR, once its uploaded, we should be able to move towards closing the 2024 loan. There's a construction update for the GAC with discussion in the next item, drinking water challenges, updates on interviews for water and wastewater, no further discussion on the leachate but future discussions will be scheduled.

Gehin questioned if we have anything that would be impacted by potential tariffs as we used to or have gotten items such as water chemicals some time ago out of Canada?

Brooks stated Trojan UV parts came from different parts of Canada but they're opening a new office in Michigan, we are in the process of paperwork, so we shouldn't be affected by it.

Boers stated we don't have anything reoccurring but our correlators come out of Canada so any maintenance we ship them back to Canada, but I don't know how the tariffs would affect them at this point. No water chemicals are currently coming from Canada.

Robinson questioned our efforts as it relates to the Sheboygan PSC filing/decision, they ran everything through the city, on their private side, there may have been an interest component to a portion of that program they tried to take the public side. The municipal environmental group was working on proposed changes, how, when and will it impact us?

Lindman replied no impact for us for 2025 because all the private side is being funded through principal forgiveness. As we move forward in future years, if funding remains available and we don't have 100% principal forgiveness on private side, that decision will affect us if there isn't a legislation change.

Diny stated we had three tours of the GAC separately, it's up and running and looks nice.

Robinson stated with all that was thrown at staff with the upgrades, staff has done an exceptional job and expressed his appreciation for the outstanding work that went into both the facilities, pressure staff were under to do their own jobs while bringing new facility onboard was very impressive and he appreciated their efforts.

Diny reiterated, the best water in the State.

Force questioned if the award to Wastewater was recorded because it was significant.

Brooks replied we haven't received the award yet, would be awarded at the Government Affairs Seminar February 20th, I won't be able to attend but Lindman and Wendtland will be attending. It's an award of excellence statewide from Wisconsin DNR.

Diny stated we'll add some break points once we bring it home.

Director's Report Placed on File.

3) Discussion and Update of the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Plant.

Boers began there were questions on operations of the new facility, concerns as far as maintenance and ongoing operational costs so there's a short memo. We're only a month and half into it so it's hard to normalize a lot of these costs but we looked at what we're expecting and if you have questions we could follow up.

Robinson stated we need to track our O&M costs, we have \$125 million trust fund that might be available for the O&M cost because they're significant, given the cost of the change out of the granular activated carbon. The Governor is going to be in the Village of Maine later today to look at their filtration system and announces of budget priority for PFAS, we need to stay in front of the policy makers and make sure that O&M is an eligible activity.

Force questioned the wide range on the regen cost from \$800k to \$1.4 million, what keeps it at the low range or what would put it at the high end?

Boers replied, dependent on how scarce carbon becomes, a lot of facilities are adding carbon now. Regeneration and reuse of the carbon could cut costs. The manufactures won't dispose of the carbon but would remove and regenerate it for lesser use or a remediation site. It wouldn't be a credit but be minus disposal included in the cost of the new carbon. DNR has not allowed anyone to use regenerated carbon in their drinking water facility. We could reduce cost if we could get a variance to allow the regenerated carbon to be used back into the facility but would be through work with DNR or a pilot program and we're currently using Calgon.

No Action Taken.

4) Discussion and Possible Action Approving Sole Source Request for the Purchase of Aluminum Sulfate Solution from Affinity Chemical, LLC.

Gehin motioned to approve the sole source request. Seconded by Force.

Motion carried 4-0.

5) Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Modification to Carry Over Unused 2024 Wastewater Capital Funds for Sewer Sliplining and H2S Repairs to 2025.

Robinson questioned if we were carrying over \$1,000,000 or \$1,025,000?

Lindman replied carrying over both the slip line and H2S repairs that would be the carryover of \$1,000,000 from 2024 into 2025 between the 2. In 2025, we have \$525,000 budgeted for Sliplining so we'll be doing a total project in 2025 of \$1,525,000.

Robinson motioned to approve carryover. Seconded by Gehin.

Motion carried 5-0.

Gehin questioned cause of hydrogen sulfide release, if it was due to replacement of pipe and if turbulence accelerated the release of the gases, there was a drop down from Kolbe and Kolbe that ran south cross country on the easement and intercepted at another street where drop manhole was?

Brooks stated a pilot was ran because of an odor complaint received around Imm Street, everything coming from the Industrial Drive lift station all the way east to the South on Elm Street coming into the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Magnesium hydroxide will diminish the H2S (Hydrogen Sulfide). We ran a pilot dosing Magnesium hydroxide at that Industrial Drive lift station, monitoring manholes and the H2S level dropped significantly with the addition of mag lime. It also eliminates the deterioration of the bricks in the concrete in the manholes. After Imm

street was lined, it took away that catalyst, concrete being the catalyst, where it would prevent odors. We'll need to locate the source it's coming from, metal plating industry, then hopefully get compensation from them down the road. This carries through the entire collection system from Industrial Drive through town to the Wastewater Plant, the residual is enough, we are dosing 75 gallons per day of this magnesium hydroxide that is not a lot to counter the H₂S so we found a reasonable way to counter the H₂S. We'd have to have some construction at the site or thought about dosing it upstream where Wausau Chemical is and there will be some capital involved to build the house for the bulk storage tank but its in its infancy stages right now.

Lindman stated that we've also replace some concrete pipe in some areas and have the additive put in the concrete mix, some of the projects on the interceptor sewer would be replacement of pipe and manholes. Before spending that money, we'll have to find out where the H₂S is coming from and set up mag hydroxide injection system somewhere to prevent that so any new infrastructure put in won't deteriorate.

Force questioned if the odor on Imm street was resolved.

Brooks replied winter months, the hydrogen sulfide doesn't prevail as much but it has not been taken care of. That is on the docket to get repaired this year with the Capital being carried over.

6) Adjourn.

Diny stated next meeting will be held March 4th, Gehin advised he will not be present, per commission, agree to move meeting from 11:00am to 11:30am start time to accommodate member of Parks Commission meeting on that same day.

Gehin motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Watson.

Motion carried 5-0.

Link to view meeting in its entirety: <https://tinyurl.com/wausaucitycouncil>

Gina Vang, Recording Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: President Diny
Commissioner Watson
Commissioner Force
Commissioner Gehin
Commissioner Robinson

FROM: Eric Lindman, P.E.
Director of Public Works & Utilities

SUBJECT: Director's Report – April 2025

1. Federal funding allocations to the states seem to be in flux currently and very much in question of what funding will be available beyond 2025. The major source of possible funding for the utility is the DNR Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Fund Loan programs. The city has done well over the past couple of years being able to secure principal forgiveness loans to help offset capital costs of projects. As of now, we still plan to apply for 2026 funding through these programs and those applications will start becoming due in June 2025. It is unknown at this time what funding will or will not be available.
2. We and other municipalities have had significant issue with the DNR and getting our funding released. We currently have over \$5 million outstanding for a completed 2024 LSL project and the city continues to carry these costs. In my opinion, the DNR process and state's ability to manage federal funds continues to become the bottle neck for municipalities to receive their obligated funds. The DNR process is antiquated, and they have made no effort to make it more functional and reliable for the municipalities. The DNR has also not been open to new ways of delivering projects, they continue to want to do business "as they have always done". This becomes an obstruction for municipalities who want to move forward and complete projects in a more efficient and manageable way. A perfect example is the LSL project which has allowed the city to capitalize significantly on available federal funding, but because the DNR continues to delay the loan closing, the municipality is carrying a heavy burden of financing. All of the work was done in 2024 and we still have no timeline for closing on the loans. This is not just a Wausau issue but an issue statewide. Both the Mayor and I have reached out

to our legislators to explain to them the delays on the part of the DNR, lack of urgency by the DNR and the circumstances the DNR has put the city in by making the city carry the full burden of the project costs. The funding from the DNR, federal/state, is supposed to help the municipalities with high capital cost projects and reduce the financial burden on the municipality. In this case, the DNR has created an additional burden on municipalities due to their lack of action and inability to allocate funds timely to municipalities.

3. The utility will again look at Asset management software purchase and implementation for the 2026 budget. Staff has been documenting all the assets for the water and wastewater treatment facilities. By the end of this year, it is the goal to have a comprehensive list of assets at each facility imported into the asset management software once purchased. In addition to assets, the city has been completing significant GIS software upgrades and we have contracted with NV5, consulting firm that works directly with City Works Asset Management software. The utility spent about 24 months vetting AM software and City Works is the preferred and best option for the utility. Implementing AM software will be a monumental task which is why we will be doing this in stages, starting with the water/wastewater treatment facilities. This AM will eventually be rolled out to the rest of DPWU operations over the next 3-years.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

1. Wastewater Operations Technician update. Dawson Stapleton began his employment with the City on March 3, 2025. Welcome Dawson. Wastewater is fully staffed at this time.
2. Collections System Technician update. Dallas Pagel began his employment with the City on February 17, 2025. Welcome Dallas! The Senior Collections Technician position will remain vacant until all new staff have been fully trained.
3. Leachate update: Discussions with Marathon County Solid Waste, WDNR and the City are on-going.
4. Headworks Screening Project scheduled to commence in June of 2025.



TO: Wausau Waterworks Commission

FROM: Eric Lindman, P.E.
Director of Public Works & Utilities

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Capital Budget Updates

Over the past couple of months, we have received bids for some of our larger projects. The bids came in favorable and were less than budgeted. I have updated our Capital Budgets for water & sewer and are highlighted on the attached and a summary of the highlights are below:

Wastewater Budget vs. Actual 2025			
Project Name	Budget	Actual	(Over)/Under
Cherry St. (W. Wausau Ave.-Randolph St.)	\$854,700	\$560,000	\$294,700
West Randolph St. (Burek - Merrill)	\$712,030	\$560,000	\$152,030
2nd St / Dekalb	\$221,293	\$0	\$221,293
1st St/River Drive (McIndoe St.- 300ft N. of Fulton)	\$37,455	\$0	\$37,455
Cherry St LS	\$1,700,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,500,000
Str. 770 loadout staircase & catwalk	\$80,000.00	\$0	\$80,000
Total =	\$3,605,478	\$1,320,000	\$2,285,478

For the wastewater budget the following items are proposed:

1. Carryover the 2024 Cherry & Crocker St LS funding in the amount of \$1,700,000 to be used in 2025 & 2026. Cherry St LS in 2025 & Crocker St in 2026. Also add \$800k ARPA obligation for Cherry St Construction.
2. Remove the 2025 funding for the Loadout Staircase & Catwalk in the amount of \$80,000 as this will be done as part of the Headworks Upgrade Project.
3. Carryover the Headworks Project loan amount from 2024 to 2025, loan amount of \$1,375,167. Principal forgiveness of \$3,208,723.
4. Adjust the budgets for the street reconstruction projects to reduce the overall 2025 borrowing.

Overall reduction in proposed borrowing of \$2,285,478 from the original approved capital budget.

Drinking Water Budget vs. Actual 2025			
Project Name	Budget	Actual	(Over)/Under
Cherry St. (W. Wausau Ave.-Randolph St.)	\$752,400	\$840,000	(\$87,600)
West Randolph St. (Burek - Merrill)	\$982,300	\$860,000	\$122,300
2nd St / Dekalb	\$161,136	\$0	\$161,136
SCADA Upgrades - Booster Sta.	\$360,000	\$240,000	\$120,000
Asterra Leak Detection - ADD	\$0	\$45,000.00	(\$45,000)
Total =	\$2,255,836	\$1,985,000	\$270,836

For the drinking water budget the following are proposed:

1. Reduce the amount of borrowed funds for the SCADA Upgrades project by \$250,000 as ARPA funding was approved for supplementing this project cost.
2. Funding for 2nd & Dekalb will now be from TID 3.
3. Add the Asterra leak Detection project as previously approved by the Commission.
4. Adjust the budgets for the street reconstruction projects to reduce the overall 2025 borrowing.

Overall reduction in proposed borrowing of \$270,836 from the original approved capital budget.

WAUSAU WATER WORKS - WASTEWATER DIVISION
CAPITAL PLAN - CAPITAL ASSETS 2023-2029

IMPROVEMENTS/PROJECTS	COST EST	FUND	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Comments
	2023-2029	SOURCE								
WWTF IMPROVEMENTS:										
Headworks upgrade:	1,375,167	BORROW		1,375,167						\$1,375,167 (Loan) and \$3,208,723 (Grant); 2025 construction
Cellular/Wifi Amplification throughout WWTP:	300,000	BORROW			300,000					Moved from 2023 to 2025. RFP is needed for this project
Sludge Barn floor replacement:	-									No longer needed, Barn floor replaced with asphalt in 2022
ACS System for Dryer Condenser & Stairs	141,000	BORROW				141,000				Automatic Cleaning System to clean dryer condenser along w/ staircase to access top of condenser
Str. 770 loadout staircase & catwalk	80,000	BORROW			80,000					Removed; funded under headworks project
Str. 115 Cold Storage Garage full remodel	100,000	BORROW							100,000	Full Exterior remodel of cold storage building on Adrian St.
SUBTOTAL	1,996,167		-	1,375,167	380,000	141,000	-	-	100,000	
SEWER LIFT STATIONS										
Lift Station Engineering Report & Design:	400,000	BORROW		150,000		250,000				Set of 4 Lift Sttns per study. Report, design & preconst mtgs.
Airport Lift Station upgrade:	700,000	BIL			700,000					
Greenwood Hills & Northwestern LS upgrades:	921,526	BORROW	400,000	521,525.92						2024: Add \$521,525.92 for a total project cost= \$921,525.92
Cherry & Crocker St. lift station upgrades:	1,700,000	BIL		1,700,000						Project Construction 2025
24th & 44th Ave LS Upgrades	1,100,000	BIL					1,100,000			
Industrial Park LS Parallel Force Main	800,000	BORROW						800,000		07/26/22 Moved 2027 to 2028, inspect condition of existing FM
32nd Ave lift station upgrade:	600,000	BIL				600,000				
All Lift Station Communications Radio upgrade	165,000	BORROW				165,000				Energenecs to replace communications radio's at all lift stations
SUBTOTAL	6,386,526		400,000	2,371,526	700,000	1,015,000	1,100,000	800,000		5,586,526
TRANSPORTATION/EQUIPMENT										
Dump truck or Sludge Hauling Eqpt.	240,000	BORROW			120,000		120,000			Keep until Class A sludge destination is known
TV truck, lateral launch/Software & Trimble GPS	550,000	BORROW		550,000						
Bobcat toolcat or Skidsteer w/attachments	120,000	BORROW				120,000				
SUBTOTAL	910,000		-	550,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	-	-	
COLLECTION INFRASTRUCTURE										
Street Projects										
Pied Piper Lane, EC to Kent	30,000	BORROW		30,000						
Eau Claire BLVD	280,000	ARPA or IJJA		280,000						DNR SDW Loan
North 10th Ave (Oak St. to West Wausau Ave.)	320,000	ARPA	320,000							ARPA Funded
Grant St (6th St to 7th St)	85,000	ARPA	85,000							ARPA Funded
Stark St. (5th St- 12th St)	800,000	BORROW				800,000				Moved from 2025 to 2026
Hennrietta St (Bellis St - 13th St)	200,000	ARPA	200,000							ARPA Funded
Fulton Street (1): (N.1st St to N. 7th St)	371,030	TID 3			371,030					TID Funded
North 17th Ave, Stewart Ave to Elm St.	200,000	TID	200,000							TID Funded
Cherry St. (W. Wausau Ave.-Randolph St.)	854,700	BORROW			854,700					Actual \$560k, less \$294,700 from budgeted amount
West Randolph St. (Burek - Merrill)	712,030	BORROW			712,030					Actual \$560k, less \$152,030 from budgeted amount
1st St/River Drive(2): McIndoe St.- 300ft N. of Fulton)	37,455	BORROW			37,455					Moved to TID
2nd Street / Dekalb	221,293	BORROW			221,293					Moved to TID
28th Ave.(3): Westhill Drive-W. Wausau Ave.)	-									2026 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
N. 8th Ave (4): (Spruce St.-Bridge St.)	-									2026? Project funding & TID. TJ to provide sewer cost
West Wausau Ave. (N.10th Ave - Stevens Drive	-									2026 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
S. 11th Ave. (W. Thomas - Flieth)	-									2027 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
Ethel St. (Grand Ave. - Zimmerman St.)	-									2027 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
N. 9th Ave. (Elm St. - Bridge St.)	-									2028 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
N. 11th St. (E. Crocker - Sylvan St.)	-									2028 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
3rd Ave. (W. Eldred St. - Randolph St.)	-									2028 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
W. Eldred St. (N. 3rd Ave. - N. 1st Ave.)	-									2028 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
Brown St. (5th St. - 13th St.)	-									2029 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
Forest St. (Bellis St. - 12th St.)	-									2029 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
12th St. (Forest St. - Jackson St.)	-									2029 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
Garfield Ave. (Marathon Park - 3rd Ave.)	-									2029 Project. TJ to provide sewer cost
SUBTOTAL	4,111,508		805,000	310,000	2,196,508	800,000	-	-	-	
Proposed Developments/Extensions										
Northwestern Avenue (Higgenbotham)	120,000	BORROW				120,000				05/17/21 Moved from 2022 to 2026
SUBTOTAL	120,000		-	-	-	120,000	-	-	-	
Sewer Collection System Projects										
Stewart Ave Force Main & Sewer Improvement	1,700,000	TID	200,000	1,500,000						TID Funded
River Crossing (Washington St Siphon)	550,000	BORROW			550,000					2025 Construction; DNR CWF Loan
Unanticipated Sewer Projects	1,050,000	BORROW	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
SUBTOTAL	3,300,000		350,000	1,650,000	700,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
TOTAL PLANNED CAPITAL										
TOTAL CAPITAL BORROWING:	16,824,201		\$1,555,000	\$6,256,693	\$4,096,508	\$2,346,000	\$1,370,000	\$950,000	\$250,000	TID & ARPA funded projects deducted from Total Planned Capital, not IJJA Grant projects
CUMULITIVE CAPITAL			\$1,005,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,621,030	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0	

SEWER CIP FUNDING								
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
OP FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$371,030	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
POSSIBLE ARPA or IIJA	\$0	\$280,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ARPA	\$605,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TID	\$400,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
POSSIBLE BIL	\$0	\$1,700,000	\$700,000	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
BORROW	\$550,000	\$2,776,693	\$3,025,478	\$1,746,000	\$270,000	\$950,000	\$250,000	
PROJ TOTAL	\$1,555,000	\$6,256,693	\$4,096,508	\$2,346,000	\$1,370,000	\$950,000	\$250,000	

WAUSAU WATER WORKS - DRINKING WATER DIVISION
CAPITAL PLAN - CAPITAL ASSETS 2024-2029

IMPROVEMENTS/PROJECTS	COST EST 2024-2029	FUND SOURCE	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Comments
WATER TREATMENT PLANT									
SOLAR ARRAY	1,778,380	BORROW			1,778,380				Moved from 2025 to 2026
SUBTOTAL	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$1,778,380	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOWERS/ RESERVOIRS/ BOOSTER STATIONS									
GENERATOR - ONSITE (W. WAUSAU)	0						0		0 ARPA In 2023
SCADA UPGRADES - BOOSTER STNS	360,000	BORROW		360,000					ARPA Funds - \$250,000 approved Oct 2024
Elm Booster Station Reconstruction	560,000	BORROW		60,000		500,000			
MONROE BOOSTER STATION RECONSTRUCTION	560,000	BORROW	60,000		500,000				
SUBTOTAL	\$1,480,000		\$60,000	\$420,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	
WELLS									
FUTURE WELL	650,000	BORROW					0	650,000	
	0								
SUBTOTAL	\$650,000		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650,000	
TOOLS, SHOP AND GARAGE									
BACKHOE/ WHEELED EXCAVATOR	\$505,000	BORROW			180,000	325,000	0	0	
Valve Turner/ VAC	150,000	BORROW					150,000		
SUBTOTAL	\$655,000		\$0	\$0	\$180,000	\$325,000	\$150,000	\$0	
DISTRIBUTION/SUPPLY MAINS									
STREET PROJECTS									
Emerson Street, EauClaire to Kent	20,000	BORROW	20,000						
Mount View Blvd., EauClaire to Kent	20,000	BORROW	20,000						
Pied Piper Lane, EC to Kent	40,000	BORROW	40,000						
Eau Claire BLVD	510,000	BORROW	510,000						
Short Street, N 1st St to N 3rd St	0								
Stewart Ave (1), 48th Ave-72nd Ave	0								
W. Randolph (Burek to Merrill)	982,300	BORROW		982,300					Actual \$860,000, less \$122,300 from budget
Cherry Street, W Wausau Ave to Randolph St	752,400	BORROW		752,400					Actual \$840,000, plus \$87,600 from budget
Fulton Street (2), N 1st St to N 7th St	530,400	TID		530,400					
2nd St. / Dekalb	163,136	TID		163,136					To be paid by TID
1st Street/River Drive (3), McIndoe St - 300' N of Fulton	89,000	TID		89,000					
Stark St (5th St- 12th St)	731,000	BORROW			731,000				
28th Ave (4), Westhill Dr to W Wausau Ave	0	TID			TBD				
N 8th Ave (5), Spruce St to Bridge St	350,000	TID			350,000				
West Wausau Ave (6), N 10th Ave to Stevens Drive	242,000	BORROW			242,000				
S. 11th Ave (W. Thomas to Flieth)	404,000	BORROW				404,000			
Ethel St, Grand Ave to Zimmerman St	791,000	BORROW				791,000			
N 9th Ave, Elm St to Bridge St	695,000	BORROW					695,000		
N 11th St, E Crocker to Sylvan St	264,000	BORROW					264,000		
3rd Ave, W Eldred St to Randolph St	160,000	BORROW					160,000		
W Eldred Street, N 3rd Ave to N 1st Ave	136,000	BORROW					136,000		
Asterra Leak Detection	90,000	BORROW		45,000	45,000				Added Apr 2025
SUBTOTAL	\$6,880,236		\$590,000	\$2,517,236	\$1,323,000	\$1,195,000	\$1,255,000	\$0	
GENERAL DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS									
LSL Replacements	18,100,000	GO/TID	\$2,100,000	\$6,100,000	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000		G.O./TID/Other Funded
Stewart Ave Looping-12"-60/68 Ave.	315,000	TID	315,000						TID Funded
Looping main Stettin Dr. Stewart to the Park	160,000	BORROW			160,000				
Looping Main Stettin Drive, 48th Ave to 52nd Ave	260,000	BORROW				260,000	0	0	
14" WM Replace (Elm St; 14th- 17th Ave & 17th Ave; Elm St to HWY)	450,000	TID	450,000						TID Funded
LSL Replacements (Public Side)	0	BORROW							
14" WM Extension Bugbee & Campus	0	BORROW							
Misc Extensions	0	BORROW							
SUBTOTAL	\$19,285,000		\$2,865,000	\$6,100,000	\$3,460,000	\$3,560,000	\$3,300,000	\$0	
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$28,950,236		\$1,415,000	\$2,317,836	\$1,813,000	\$2,280,000	\$1,405,000	\$650,000	
CUMULITIVE CAPITAL			\$1,415,000	\$3,732,836	\$5,545,836	\$7,825,836	\$9,230,836	\$9,880,836	

WATER CIP FUNDING							
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
OP FUNDS	\$0	-\$664,400	-\$2,173,380	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
POSSIBLE ARPA or IJA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ARPA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TID	\$765,000	\$782,536	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BORROW	\$650,000	\$2,199,700	\$3,636,380	\$2,280,000	\$1,405,000	\$650,000	
FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,415,000	\$2,317,836	\$1,813,000	\$2,280,000	\$1,405,000	\$650,000	

Notice: This application is for the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Community Outreach Grant Program funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 (BIL). Refer to Grant Announcement for important information about this application and program requirements. Failure to submit a completed form to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will result in the denial of grant funds. Personally identifiable information collected on this form will be used for program administration and may be made available to requesters under Wisconsin's Public Records Law (ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.) and requirements.

Section I. Municipal Community Public Water System Information

1. Municipal Community Public Water System Name: _____
2. Municipal Community Public Water System ID #: _____
3. Unique Entity ID (UEI): _____
4. Authorized Representative Contact Information:
Name: _____
Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
5. Point of Contact for Grant (if different from authorized representative):
Name: _____
Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Section II. Lead Service Line Replacement Information

1. Has construction begun on your lead service line replacement project yet?
Yes No
a. If yes, when did work begin? _____
b. If no, what is the projected start date for construction? _____
2. What is the projected completion date for your lead service line replacement project?

3. Approximately how many lead service lines will be replaced as part of your project? If you are unsure how many lead service lines need to be replaced, provide your best estimate. # of private side lead service lines: _____
a. # of public side lead service lines: _____
4. Have you applied for loan funding for lead service line replacement from the DNR through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program? Yes No
a. If yes and you have been approved, provide the project number: _____

- Yes, for SFY 2026 Yes, for SFY 2027 No

Section III. Outreach Project Information

1. Have you applied for other funding for outreach in support of your lead service line replacement project? Yes No
 - a. If yes, provide the following information:
Name(s) of other funding source(s): _____
Funding amount(s) : _____
Outreach activities being funded: _____
2. Do you plan to partner with one or more third parties to complete activities for this outreach project? Yes No
3. Which of these outcomes does your planned outreach intend to promote? (select all that apply)
Educate community members who will be impacted by the lead service line replacement
Promote cooperation from customers who may have private lead service lines eligible for replacement
Inform customers of public health information about lead service lines and actions to protect health before, during or after the lead service line replacement
4. Will any of your planned outreach need to be conducted in a language other than English? Yes No
 - a. If yes, what language(s) will the outreach need to be conducted in?

5. Briefly describe how this outreach project will be prioritized to focus on populations or neighborhoods that would benefit most from concerted outreach efforts. (500 words or less)

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Section IV. Eligible Cost Estimate

The costs summarized in this section should be eligible expenses as described in the LSLR Community Outreach Grant Announcement. If the project includes other costs approved by the DNR, please submit a detailed budget breakdown with your application.

Eligible Project Costs	Description	Total Cost
1. Water System Personnel Expenses		
2. Contracts With Third Parties		
3. Door-to-door Education & Outreach		
4. Community Engagement Activities		
5. Social, Digital or Print Media		
6. Marketing & Advertising		
7. Costs to Design, Print, and/or Translate Materials		
8. Indirect costs (attach proof of indirect rate, if applicable)		
9. Other Costs Approved by the DNR (include approval document)		

Total: _____

Section V. Attachments

Attach the following items to this application:

1. Detailed description of the proposed outreach activities, the intended outcomes, and the expected timeline for the proposed outreach activities. If you plan to contract with one or more third parties to perform outreach activities, include the details of your plans to establish contract(s), the scope of the work the third party will perform, and how your plans for contract(s) will enhance your outreach project.
2. Document(s) to demonstrate the status of your lead service line replacement project. Acceptable forms of documentation include one or more of the items below, but alternative forms of documentation may be considered on a case-by-case basis and approved at the DNR's discretion:
 - a. A municipal mandatory replacement ordinance for lead service lines
 - b. A prequalified list and/or request for qualifications (RFQ) for contractors for the lead service line replacement project
 - c. A loan acceptance letter from the DNR's Safe Drinking Water Loan Program for a lead service line replacement project
 - d. Publicly available materials that detail the status of the project, such as a dedicated lead service line replacement webpage administered by the municipality or water utility
 - e. A municipal ordinance for special charges

Section VI. Certification

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application and attachments is true and correct. I understand that any work performed prior to receiving an award letter or notice to proceed will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Please type your name in the signature line. By electronically signing this form, you are agreeing to be legally bound to the same extent as if you applied a traditional handwritten signature on a paper document submitted to satisfy the same requirement.

Eric Lindman

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date Signed

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Send completed application, along with all other application materials, to:
DNRLSLROutreachGrants@wisconsin.gov

EquiFlow Lead-Free Program

Phase 2 Community Outreach Plan 2025

Link to Program Website: <https://www.leadfreewausau.com/>

Introduction

The EquiFlow Lead-Free Program remains a comprehensive initiative to improve the health and well-being of the Wausau community by systematically replacing lead service lines. The 2025 outreach plan builds on the foundation laid in 2024, incorporating refined strategies to address challenges and maximize engagement as the program advances into its second year of the project 5-year LSL replacement program. Phase 2 focuses on achieving higher homeowner participation rates and community awareness, targeting the replacement of lead service lines while emphasizing transparency and trust.

The outreach strategy leverages lessons learned, strengthens collaboration with local organizations, and employs innovative tools and techniques, such as digital signatures for ROEs and automated communications, to expand program reach and impact. The outreach program will be continuously ongoing for the 5-year program. Construction for 2025 is expected to begin on May 1.

Objectives

The 2025 outreach plan is structured around four key goals:

1. Build Trust and Confidence

- **Educational Outreach:** Enhance program materials to provide clear explanations of lead service line replacement and its importance while funding is available. Communicate health risks of lead exposure and the protective steps homeowners can take.
- **Transparent Communication:** Expand channels, including multilingual communication tools, to address concerns and questions promptly. Develop program materials explaining prioritization rules, funding uncertainties, and the balance between health messaging and safety assurances.
- **Community Champions:** Engage local leaders (e.g., alderpersons) and organizations to gather feedback on 2024 performance and gain insights on reaching target audiences. Use their networks and social media platforms to promote the program.
- **Feedback Mechanisms:** Introduce updated surveys and testimonials to refine engagement strategies. Benchmark communication practices with other LSR programs and align messaging with evolving LCRI standards to ensure compliance.

2. Educate Community Members Who Will Be Impacted by the LSL Replacement

- **Public Relations Campaign:** Implement targeted advertising through local radio, social media, and events.
- **Celebrate Successes:** Recognize milestones and achievements to maintain momentum and build community pride.
- **Workshops and Webinars:** Host events at multicultural community centers, co-branded as "EquiFlow: Lead Replacement and Awareness Nights." Host virtual information sessions to promote aspects of the program, like navigating the website, using the lead map, self-verification, construction bids, and job opportunities.

3. Inform Customers of Public Health Information

- **Educational Materials:** Develop resources tailored to different demographics and learning preferences including how to protect health before and after replacement.
- **Health Partnerships:** Collaborate with local health organizations, libraries, and schools to distribute materials and amplify messaging.
- **Local Media:** Partner with outlets for feature stories, interviews, and announcements about the program's impact.

4. Reach Underserved Populations

- **Inclusive Strategies:** Translate materials into Hmong, Spanish, and other relevant languages.
- **Cultural Relevance:** Use culturally sensitive outreach tools like podcasts, radio programs, and visual aids.
- **Direct Engagement:** Collaborate with organizations like HOLA, H2N, WIPPS, ECDC Multicultural Community Center: Refugee Resettlement Program, to bridge communication gaps.

Community Outreach Team Members

The following teams and individuals contribute their expertise to ensure the success of the 2025 outreach plan:

Firm/Organization	Role & Responsibilities	Key Members
Community Infrastructure Partners	Program management leading the overall outreach and door-to-door canvassing strategy	Jeannie Purchase
Douglas & Yates (D&Y)	Strategies, marketing, PR, and materials	Lauren Yates, Kelly Douglas

HOLA, Inc.	Local outreach coordination, event management, multicultural engagement and health worker support	Yingyakia Vang, Lisa Marquardt
Medical College of Wisconsin	Public health consulting and educational support	Corina Norrbom
DARR	Canvassing, ROE collection, homeowner engagement during construction	Scott

Approach to Community Outreach

1. Targeted Outreach

- Send official letters from the city emphasizing the urgency of acting now.
- Conduct door-to-door canvassing to secure ROEs and introduce a digital signature option via DocuSign.
- Promote self-verifications to improve efficiency during inspections.
- Alert homeowners of canvassing and construction schedules through letters, door hangers, and automated messages.
- Ensure documentation is recorded and accessible for state reporting on non-engaged homeowners.

2. Community Engagement

- Participate in family-friendly events such as Chalkfest, Harvest Fest, and others.
- Partner with local restaurants, bowling alleys, and skating rinks for "EquiFlow: Lead Awareness Days" to promote digital engagement.
- Engage schools and community centers through presentations, booths, and materials.
- Target local grocery stores and rain barrel pickup events to set up informational tables.

3. Network Outreach

- Partner with businesses, schools, and healthcare providers.
- Collaborate with organizations (e.g. job centers) and local schools (e.g., Technical and High School) to distribute materials and promote workforce opportunities with LiUNA.
- Engage real estate agencies and property managers early to promote participation, emphasizing property value benefits.

4. Public Awareness

- Run multimedia campaigns featuring radio ads, social media content, and print materials.
- Partner with the city to enhance visibility on platforms like Facebook and Nextdoor.
- Share project updates and milestones through newsletters and press releases to celebrate the EquiFlow program's successes.

Key 2025 Outreach Activities

Activity	Objective	Target Audience	Responsible Party	Timeline
Door-to-door Canvassing	Education & increasing participation	Impacted tenants and homeowners	DAAR	Ongoing
Social Media Campaigns	Raise awareness and provide updates	General public, underserved groups	D&Y	Monthly
Workshops	Educate on lead exposure and program benefits	Families, schools	HOLA	Quarterly
Neighborhood Events	Engage directly with community members	Residents in affected census tracts	DARR, HOLA	As needed
Media Engagement	Highlight program success and promote awareness	Local media and general public	D&Y	Ongoing

Communication Tools

Tool	Purpose/Benefit	Responsible Party
Flyers and Brochures	Provide clear, concise information about EquiFlow	D&Y, HOLA
Newsletters	Share updates, milestones, and educational content	D&Y
Social Media Posts	Reach diverse audiences with engaging content	D&Y
Videos	Explain processes and showcase community impact	D&Y
Website Updates	Provide centralized resources and program information	D&Y
Surveys	Gather feedback to refine program strategies	HOLA

Conclusion

The 2025 EquiFlow Community Outreach Plan reflects a commitment to building trust, engaging the community, and achieving tangible results in making Wausau lead-free. By integrating lessons learned from 2024 and deploying a diverse array of tools and strategies, the program is well-positioned for success in the year ahead.

SFY 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Program <i>draft</i> Funding List												11/13/2024		
Municipality		Project #	LSL PERF Score	Project Manager	Census Tract or Municipal?	Requested Costs	Private Side Costs	Private Side PF %	Private Side PF Allocation	Private Side Loan \$s	Remaining Costs	Remaining Costs PF %	Remaining Cost PF Allocation	Remaining Costs Loan \$s
WATERTOWN, CITY OF		5439-09	307	Liz Higgins	CT	\$3,334,100	\$3,334,100	100%	\$3,334,100	\$0	\$0	10%	\$0	\$0
MANITOWOC, CITY OF		5191-19	294	Blythe Cassidy	CT	\$5,574,800	\$5,474,800	100%	\$5,474,800	\$0	\$100,000	20%	\$20,000	\$80,000
GREEN BAY, CITY OF		5331-32	285	Kate Leja-Brennan	CT	\$990,000	\$990,000	75%	\$742,500	\$247,500	\$0	20%	\$0	\$0
TWO RIVERS, CITY OF		4920-51	281	Ben Aerts	CT	\$1,977,536	\$679,214	100%	\$679,214	\$0	\$1,298,322	20%	\$259,664	\$1,038,657
KENOSHA, CITY OF		4825-09	280	Michelle Brietzman	CT	\$7,700,000	\$4,235,000	100%	\$4,235,000	\$0	\$3,465,000	20%	\$693,000	\$2,772,000
WATERTOWN, CITY OF		5439-07	276	Liz Higgins	CT	\$1,771,000	\$1,771,000	75%	\$1,328,250	\$442,750	\$0	10%	\$0	\$0
ASHLAND, CITY OF		4759-29	275	Casey Sweeney	Municipal	\$843,680	\$625,808	100%	\$625,808	\$0	\$217,872	55%	\$119,830	\$98,043
FOND DU LAC, CITY OF		5142-17	275	Erika Mills	CT	\$1,155,000	\$1,155,000	75%	\$866,250	\$288,750	\$0	20%	\$0	\$0
WATERTOWN, CITY OF		5439-08	274	Liz Higgins	Municipal	\$8,915,700	\$3,415,698	50%	\$1,707,849	\$1,707,849	\$5,500,002	10%	\$550,000	\$4,950,002
WAUSAU, CITY OF		4930-22	268	Kate Leja-Brennan	CT	\$14,959,156	\$7,768,218	100%	\$7,768,218	\$0	\$7,190,938	15%	\$1,078,641	\$6,112,297
RACINE, CITY OF		4887-22	267	Sarah Bolitho	Municipal	\$3,275,000	\$1,512,500	100%	\$1,512,500	\$0	\$1,762,500	45%	\$793,125	\$969,375
MILWAUKEE, CITY OF ¹		4851-47	263	Ryan Atkinson	Municipal	\$34,220,000	\$12,320,000	100%	\$12,320,000	\$0	\$21,900,000	55%	\$5,132,739	\$16,767,261
OSHKOSH, CITY OF		4874-19	261	Erika Mills	CT	\$2,000,000	\$1,760,000	100%	\$1,760,000	\$0	\$240,000	15%	\$0	\$240,000
FOND DU LAC, CITY OF		5142-18	260	Erika Mills	CT	\$1,332,100	\$1,332,100	100%	\$1,332,100	\$0	\$0	20%	\$0	\$0
THORP, CITY OF		4922-19	258	Michelle Brietzman	Municipal	\$254,425	\$194,425	50%	\$97,213	\$97,213	\$60,000	40%	\$0	\$60,000
WEST ALLIS, CITY OF		5404-10	258	Dan Noreika	CT	\$1,692,350	\$1,692,350	100%	\$1,692,350	\$0	\$0	15%	\$0	\$0
WEST ALLIS, CITY OF		5404-11	256	Dan Noreika	CT	\$1,277,650	\$1,277,650	50%	\$638,825	\$638,825	\$0	15%	\$0	\$0
WHITEWATER, CITY OF		5650-02	252	Brian Boelkow	Municipal	\$3,606,400	\$1,171,940	100%	\$1,171,940	\$0	\$2,434,460	40%	\$0	\$2,434,460
SOUTH MILWAUKEE, CITY OF ²		4907-12	251	Ben Aerts	CT	\$10,232,230	\$4,796,990	75%	\$3,597,743	\$1,199,248	\$5,435,240	10%	\$0	\$1,567,018
APPLETON, CITY OF		4755-06	250	Blythe Cassidy	CT	\$618,975	\$618,975	100%	\$618,975	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0
REESEVILLE, VILLAGE OF		4891-06	243	Cameron Batchelor	Municipal	\$16,500	\$16,500	50%	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$0	40%	\$0	\$0
ELKHORN, CITY OF		5525-11	241	Erika Mills	Municipal	\$1,605,000	\$631,620	25%	\$157,905	\$473,715	\$973,380	0%	\$0	\$0
FOND DU LAC, CITY OF		5142-16	240	Erika Mills	Municipal	\$457,500	\$385,000	50%	\$192,500	\$192,500	\$72,500	20%	\$0	\$0
SPOONER, CITY OF		4911-10	234	Liz Higgins	Municipal	\$749,250	\$252,038	100%	\$252,038	\$0	\$497,213	55%	\$0	\$0
SHEBOYGAN, CITY OF		4901-14	234	Sarah Bolitho	CT	\$4,465,000	\$4,400,000	100%	\$4,400,000	\$0	\$65,000	20%	\$0	\$0
OSHKOSH, CITY OF		4874-18	232	Erika Mills	Municipal	\$2,320,000	\$2,320,000	50%	\$1,160,000	\$1,160,000	\$0	15%	\$0	\$0
WALWORTH, VILLAGE OF		5652-04	229	Ryan Atkinson	Municipal	\$348,134	\$133,825	50%	\$66,912	\$66,912	\$214,309	35%	\$0	\$0
RICHLAND CENTER, CITY OF		4893-08	228	Kate Leja-Brennan	Municipal	\$594,000	\$264,000	75%	\$198,000	\$66,000	\$330,000	40%	\$0	\$0
NORTH FOND DU LAC, VILLAGE OF		4863-16	228	Erika Mills	Municipal	\$307,846	\$181,398	50%	\$90,699	\$90,699	\$126,448	25%	\$0	\$0
WEYAUWEGA, CITY OF		4936-04	220	Ashley Jimenez	Municipal	\$734,173	\$372,657	50%	\$186,328	\$186,328	\$361,516	40%	\$0	\$0
SHOREWOOD, VILLAGE OF		5630-03	220	Kate Leja-Brennan	CT	\$8,160,000	\$2,372,787	75%	\$1,779,590	\$593,197	\$5,787,214	0%	\$0	\$0
SHEBOYGAN, CITY OF		4901-13	214	Sarah Bolitho	Municipal	\$500,000	\$495,000	50%	\$247,500	\$247,500	\$5,000	20%	\$0	\$0
SOUTH MILWAUKEE, CITY OF		4907-11	212	Ben Aerts	CT	\$781,520	\$254,169	50%	\$127,085	\$127,085	\$527,351	10%	\$0	\$0
SOUTH MILWAUKEE, CITY OF		4907-10	206	Ben Aerts	CT	\$436,570	\$200,200	50%	\$100,100	\$100,100	\$236,370	10%	\$0	\$0
CEDARBURG, CITY OF		5628-03	194	Michelle Brietzman	Municipal	\$1,935,000	\$1,463,000	0%	\$0	\$1,463,000	\$472,000	0%	\$0	\$0
MARSHFIELD, CITY OF		5364-11	0	Dan Noreika	CT - 102	\$14,700	\$14,700	75%	\$11,025	\$3,675	\$0	30%	\$0	\$0
MARSHFIELD, CITY OF		5364-12	0	Dan Noreika	CT - 103	\$316,050	\$316,050	100%	\$316,050	\$0	\$0	30%	\$0	\$0
MARSHFIELD, CITY OF		5364-13	0	Dan Noreika	CT - 104	\$46,200	\$46,200	75%	\$34,650	\$11,550	\$0	30%	\$0	\$0
MARSHFIELD, CITY OF		5364-14	0	Dan Noreika	CT - 105	\$69,300	\$69,300	75%	\$51,975	\$17,325	\$0	30%	\$0	\$0
MARSHFIELD, CITY OF		5364-15	0	Dan Noreika	CT - 106	\$192,500	\$192,500	100%	\$192,500	\$0	\$0	30%	\$0	\$0
MARSHFIELD, CITY OF		5364-10	0	Dan Noreika	Municipal	\$5,806,929	\$0	75%	\$0	\$0	\$5,806,929	30%	\$0	\$0
¹ cut-off for public side principal forgiveness - partial funding						\$135,586,274			\$61,076,742	\$9,429,970			\$8,646,999	\$37,089,113
² cut-off for public side loan funds - partial funding													Total PF	Total Loan
												Totals:	\$69,723,740	\$46,519,083



TO: Wausau Waterworks Commission

FROM: Scott Boers, Superintendent
Wausau Water Works- Drinking Water Division

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Update on Water Meter Purchases and Replacements

1. Update on Water Meter Purchases and Replacements:

- a. In 2024, staff changed and tested 2884 meters. Of those, 2074 were 5/3 residential meters. Of the 2074, 811 or 39% failed to meet accuracy of 90%.
- b. So far in 2025, staff has changed and tested 646 meters. Of those 418 were the residential 5/3's. 187 or 44% failed to meet accuracy requirements.
- c. To date the utility has received about \$1,260,000.00 of the \$1.8M worth of meters ordered with the general fund transfer and ARPA funds.



To: Wausau Waterworks Commission

From: Ben Brooks, Wausau Waterworks-Wastewater Superintendent

Date: April 8, 2025

Subject: 2024 WDNR Facility of the Year Award

Dear Commissioners,

I am very proud to announce that On February 20, 2025 during the Government Affairs Seminar held in Fon du Lac, Wi., the WDNR presented Wausau Waterworks-Wastewater with the 2024 Facility of the Year Award.

Eric Lindman and Brad Wendtland, plant Supervisor, were in attendance on this day with Brad accepting the award on behalf of the WWTP. Ben Brooks was unable to attend.

The WDNR Wastewater Program reviewed facilities around the state, and Wausau WWTP was nominated and selected as the award recipient for "Outstanding Performance of a Facility" 2024 award.

Best regards,

Ben Brooks

Wausau Waterworks – Wastewater, Superintendent



Facility of the Year

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Wausau Waterworks - Wastewater
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Wausau WI 54403

Subject: 2024 Facility of the Year Award

Dear Wausau Waterworks - Wastewater,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, it is my pleasure to acknowledge the hard work and effort that the Wausau Wastewater Treatment Facility has demonstrated over the past year. The Wastewater Program reviewed wastewater treatment plants around the state, and Wausau was nominated and selected as a recipient of the "Facility of the Year" 2024 award. Below are a few words from Wastewater Program staff on your nomination.

"The Wausau WWTF has needed to navigate compliance despite the construction occurring and has not had an effluent limit exceedance since 2022. The treatment plant has been performing well allowing the mercury variance to be removed from their upcoming permit. Previous inspections identified some deficiencies that were quickly corrected. The facility has numerous process control tests that it performs in order to ensure the plant is operating properly, redundant systems in place to ensure if one component goes down there is another one to overtake it, and a solid history of being transparent with the DNR."

We appreciate the daily commitment Wausau Waterworks – Wastewater makes to protect our natural resources. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Adrian Stocks, Water Quality Bureau Director
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

cc. Doug Diny, City of Wausau Mayor

