Key Strategies, Challenges, and Needs



Eye on Education, Economic Development, Energy

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Global Perspective









Global Supply Shortage





U.S. Shortage





Challenges





Drought Planning: Water Shortages Expected in New Mexico

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Cash-strapped Oklahoma again floats idea of selling water to Texas

Challenges



Politics & Government

Pittsburgh Water Rates Set To Skyrocket

Water and Sewer Authority hiked rates 28 percent in January. Now it wants another massive increase.

By Eric Heyl, Patch Staff | Jul 23, 2019 12:21 pm ET



PITTSBURGH, PA - Prepare yourself for sticker shock. The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, which raised residential rates by 28 percent in January, plans to raise them again by 16.7 percent.

The authority is notifying customers of its intentions in a notice enclosed with July bills.



INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT

'People Are Literally Being Poisoned': How Sewage Problems in Alabama Got So Bad -- and Why Other States Should Worry

The state and county have failed to fix the unsanitary conditions for years, and at times threatened to arrest citizens over them. An outbreak of a once-eradicated disease has prompted the United Nations to get involved.

BY DANIEL C. VOCK | JULY 17, 2018



Lowndes County, Ala., residents gathered in a church in 2002 to voice their concerns about their sewage system to state and local officials. (AP/Dave Martin)

Challenges







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Old infrastructure leading to sinkholes

ROGER SCHWEIDER | Associated Press

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Around the State





"In Indiana, we want to continue to grow and thrive. Water is one of the necessary elements to support that growth."

"While current high capacity users are accessing the resource, local shortages have and will continue to occur."

New Strategies





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A flood of water concerns Planning will help Hoosiers continue to make the most efficient use of abundant resource

OPINION

2012, Indiana has been working to clarify water policy in a way that ensures clean, safe drinking water for all Hoosiers while protecting our manufacturing and agricultural economy.

Over the past four years. Indiana has taken careful steps to guarantee that any change in policy on water supplies and infrastructure is backed by valid data and information. In 2012, the General Assembly passed legislation that directed the state to collect data on how utilities planned for changes in water supply. In 2015, there was a survey of water utilities in the largest 15 communities,



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catastrophe in Flint, Michigan, the state conducted another survey that included almost every community water system in the state. The purpose was to understand how each one invested in replacement of aging infrastructure and how

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The 2016 survey found that the need for infrastructure vastly outpaces investments. Collectively, we need more than \$2.3 billion to begin replacing the aging pipes, treatment plants and fire hydrants that treat and deliver water in our communities. After that initial replacement, using basic assumptions about how quickly pipelines and plants depreciate, utilities across the state need more than \$800 million a year in new funding. This same survey showed that small systems are both more expensive to operate and less resilient to

This year, while no funding was dedicated to water infrastructure, the legislature was active in addressing water policy. In anticipation of a federal infrastructure bill, legislation was passed to set up an infrastructure assistance fund for utilities. The Indiana Finance Authority is directed to investigate the future needs of utilities and determine their ability to provide water for growing populations,

Another bill directs the state to set up a transboundary groundwater authority to avoid interstate conflict that has become a problem among neighboring states.

Finally, legislation was passed to allow utilities to veloping new supplies and, if needed, make it affordable to

replace lead service lines so homeowners can be confident the water they drink is as pure as what comes from the water treatment plant.

All of these bills move the state in the right direction, but eventually we need to manage Indiana's water resources. That task is complicated by the fact that Indiana has more than 500 water utilities, but fewer than 100 of them are under the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

As a riparian state, users can withdraw the water they need. On the other hand, it makes sense that the state provide information about growth rates in use and even

how that use affects the various watersheds existing in Indiana. This will allow the many water users to adapt their behavior to the circum-

stances.

Protecting the economy means making sure that utilities manage our water resources together. Protecting agricultural production in the state means helping farmers see how often they can pump and how closely they can install new irrigation wells. We need experience tracking water use in watersheds to ensure Indiana can thrive.

The future of Indiana is bright. We have plenty of water, but we need to become better stewards as we seek to maximize the benefits of our regionally abundant water supplies.

New Strategies Indiana Finance Authority Findings



- "We need more than \$2.3 billion to begin replacing the aging pipes, treatment plants and fire hydrants that treat and deliver water in our communities."
- "...small systems are both more expensive to operate and less resilient to the changes that are affecting health and safety."
- "...Indiana has more than 500 water utilities, but fewer than 100 of them are under the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission."
- "Protecting the economy means making sure that utilities manage our water resources together."

Old and New Challenges



- Consent Decree to eliminate
 Combined Sewer Overflows
- New Water Treatment Methods
- Stormwater Quality Improvements



Indianapolis, South Bend, Evansville, Fort Wayne



Indianapolis Agrees to \$1.8 Billion Sewer Plan

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Population – 843,393



The city of Indianapole signed a consent decree with the U.S. Justice Depa U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to make more than \$1.55 billion in in to curb overflows from its sever system.

The settlement will be the third highest-cost Clean Water Act settlement adl combined sever overflows, and will ultimately reduce the volume of Indiana untreaded discharges by 7.2 billion gallons in an average year. The combine pverflows combine both severge and stormwater runoff.

Population – 100,886



Evansville Announces \$729 Million Sewer Project Population – 120,310



Population – 256,496 City Of Fort Wayne, Indiana Agrees To Make \$250 Million In Improvements To Sewer System

Washington, D.C. — The City of Fort Wayne, Ind., has agreed to make an estimated \$250 million worth of improvements to resolve longstanding problems with overflows from its sewer system, the Justice Department and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have announced.

The city's sewer system, which serves approximately 220,000 people, transports the city's sewage for treatment at a wastewater treatment plant prior to discharging it into area rivers and streams. Overflows from the city's collection system discharge raw sewage directly into rivers and streams and can be a major source of water pollution. Fort Wayne's overflows currently number approximately 60 per year

Jeffersonville, Mishawaka, Elkhart





Emergency vs. Preventive Care The Replacement Generation(s)









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Emerging Challenges New Lead & Copper Regulations









Impact of National Issues





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CONTACTUS



Innovation Offsets Costs



Methane power generation
Reducing electric bill and increasing revenue by \$1.1 Million







Utilizing Existing Resources

- Maximizing return on existing assets
- •\$2.3 Million









"Resource"-ful Partnerships









Allen County Regional Water & Sewer District

Established 1979 200 East Berry Street, Suite B-015 Fort Wayne, IN T: (260) 427-2696 E: info@acrwsd.com





Environmental Stewardship Protecting Allen County Waterways

Affordability, Cost Management



- \$500,000 Savings 1st year
- Reduction in staff time
- Earnings Credit
- 10 Year Savings \$6 Million







Economic Development











Economic Development









Current/Future Talent Needs



- Civil Engineers
- Biologists
- Chemists
- Accountants
- Public Managers
- Project Managers
- CAD Technicians
- Mechanics
- I/T Specialists
- Human Resources Generalists
- Electricians
- Customer Service Representatives
- Business Development
- Public Relations Officers
- Compliance Officers
- Asset Management Specialists
- Real Estate Professionals
- Attorneys

- Process Improvement Specialists
- Performance Managers
- Trainers
- Construction Managers
- Skilled Trades
- Plant Operators
- GIS Specialists
- Public Finance Experts
- Planners
- Maintenance Technicians
- Electrical Engineers
- Mechanical Engineers
- Process Engineers
- Environmental Engineers
- Structural Engineers
- Architects
- Sustainability Experts

Human Capital Development







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Concrete projects lay foundation for students

Benjamin Lanka | The Journal Gazette

A group of Anthis Career Center students spent the summer laying concrete for the city.

Human Capital Development











Human Capital Development









Regional Service Territories



Gas Service Territories



Electric Service Territories



Why Regionalization



- Economies of Scale
- Downward Effect on Customer Rates
- Improved Opportunities to attract and retain high demand positions
- Environmental Stewardship
- Effective Resource Management
- Enhanced Educational and Training
- Cyber Security and Technology Investments



Enhanced Utility Management Shared Services







Enhanced Utility Management Checklist of Excellence



- Maintenance Plan
- Strategies for Sustainability
- Partnerships





CITY UTILITIES WATER THAT WORKS

Enhanced Utility Management Establishing Centers of Excellence



- Commitment to leadership and training
- Maintenance Management
- Technology Growth
- Environmental Stewardship
- Educational Partnerships
- Regulatory Support
- Local, Regional, National Advocacy
- Reliable, resilient, responsible, affordable services for all customers



