



Water-related Infrastructure Funding Needs – Talking Points for ACEC Indiana members (August 2018)

- Drinking water, wastewater and storm water systems are all impacted.
- Total statewide capital needs range between \$15.6 B to \$17.5 B for the next 20 years (per Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations study in 2014).
- Funding gap of *at least* \$8.5 B over the next 20 years per same study by IACIR.
- Every County in Indiana is impacted.
- Old system of just increasing utility rates is not sustainable.
- Federal funding sources continue to decline, which impacts existing state programs (SRF & OCRA funding programs.)
- Water-related infrastructure is the next “legacy” issue for Indiana’s economic future, but tough because it’s invisible/underground, and a “fractured” funding system.
- Indiana’s communities need new long-term, dedicated and sustainable funding solutions on drinking water, wastewater and storm water.
- Water Infrastructure Task Force established in 2018 legislative session (House Enrolled Act 1267). ACEC Indiana has a seat on it appointed by Governor Holcomb, and the task force will develop recommendations for 2019 legislative session to identify new capital funding for regional projects and find long-term solutions.
- Ask for support of the recommendations to adequately fund Indiana’s water-related infrastructure for a healthy and prosperous state.

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