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Oakland County Enhances the City of Pontiac's Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Major investments improve reliability, public health and environmental protection

WATERFORD, Mich., February 18, 2025—The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's office is making significant progress toward improving the City of Pontiac's water and sewer systems through a series of infrastructure projects. These projects are aimed at enhancing customer service, protecting public health and safeguarding the environment. The work includes replacing aging water mains, rehabilitating sewer lines and upgrading infrastructure to ensure long-term reliability for residents and businesses.

"Providing dependable, high-level service to the City of Pontiac's residents is extremely important to our office," said Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash. "Residents are at the forefront of every project we undertake. From planning and budgeting to addressing areas with the most critical needs, we are committed to Pontiac's progress. Building trust and ensuring that residents have well-maintained water and sewer systems is our top priority."

Recent infrastructure investments total more than \$55 million, including \$18 million from grants. Projects are primarily funded by water and sewer rates with additional support from local, state and federal grants. Grant opportunities help alleviate the need for rate increases, making essential upgrades more affordable.

Project Objectives and Benefits

- Replacing water mains reduces service disruptions while improving water quality.
- Revitalizing sewer systems prevents sewer backups, protecting residents and the environment.
- Coordinating with road work to minimize disruptions and optimize costs.
- Trenchless technology eliminates excavating and reduces restoration costs.
- Protecting natural resources by reducing sewer overflows.
- Reliable services attract residents and businesses, contributing to economic growth.

"We value and appreciate the City's collaboration with the Oakland County Water Resources Commission," said Mayor Tim Greimel. "Working together, we have made impressive progress replacing water pipes, improving sanitary sewer lines, and enhancing green stormwater infrastructure and beautifying open spaces. All of these initiatives have benefitted the health and safety of residents."

An interactive story map with photos and videos has been created to showcase the projects happening throughout the city. This tool provides an engaging way to explore the progress and impact of the water and sewer infrastructure improvements. To access the story map, visit bit.ly/PontiacStoryMap.

About Oakland County Water Resources

The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's office prioritizes public health, environmental preservation, and the delivery of dependable water and sewer services. We are dedicated to maintaining high-quality standards, protecting natural resources, and ensuring the community's economic well-being. Our office strives to meet and exceed all local, state and federal water quality and environmental regulations. Learn more about our efforts and services at oakgov.com/water.

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