



Met Council owns, operates and maintains **\$7 billion** in wastewater system assets.

## Who We Serve

- 7-county Twin Cities Metro Area
- 111 communities
- 2.8 million people

## Our organization

- 600+ employees
- \$150 million/year capital program

## WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR WASTEWATER SYSTEM IN GOOD REPAIR?



Protect public health



Protect the environment



Protect other infrastructure

## 2024 PROPOSED REVENUE SOURCES \$363M



**Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) pays for reserve capacity**

Met Council charges a one-time fee to local governments when a residence or business connects to the regional wastewater system for the first time or when the business increases capacity demand.



**3 Primary Factors Impact a Community's Municipal Wastewater Charge:**

- Regional flow volume
- Community flow volume
- Regional MWC budget

## WASTEWATER ASSETS



635 MILES OF SEWER PIPE



60 LIFT STATIONS



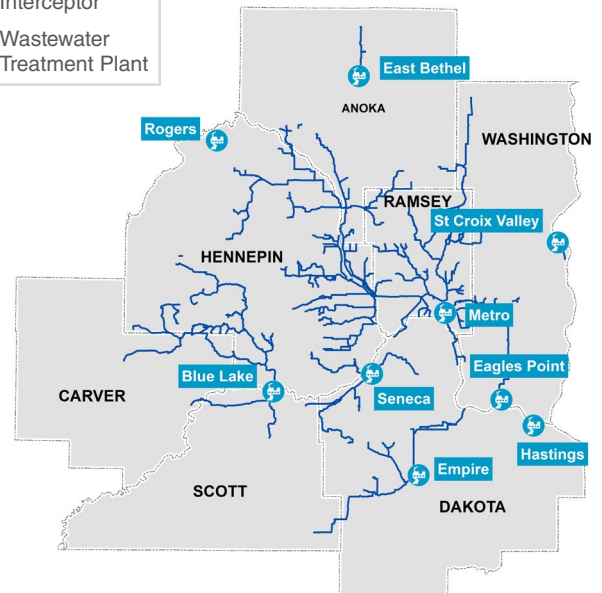
9 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS



230 METERS

### Key

- Interceptor
- Wastewater Treatment Plant



## 2024 Proposed Regional Rate Increases

**Regional Wastewater Charge:**  
7.3%

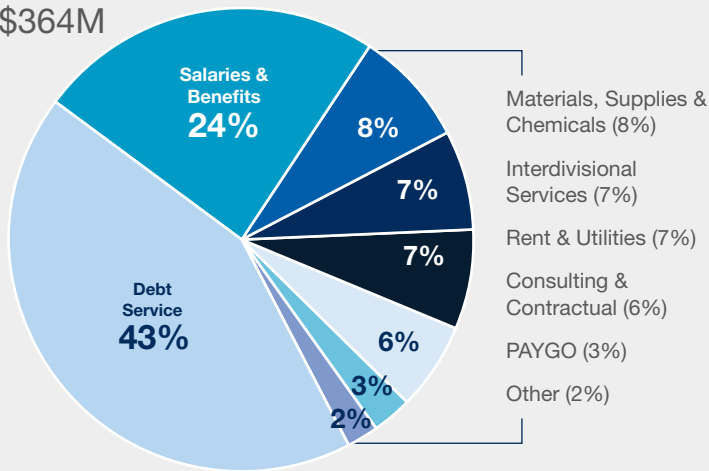
**Sewer Availability Charge:**  
No Increase

**Industrial Strength Charge:**  
8.2%

**Industrial Permit Fee:**  
5.5% - 7.3%

## 2024 PROPOSED USES

\$364M



## KEY 2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS



### TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAM

**\$1.7B**  
2022-2028

- Minneapolis & Saint Paul Interceptor System Improvements
- Lift Station Construction
- Lake Minnetonka Area Interceptor Improvements
- Metro and Empire WWTP's Solids Improvements
- Metro WWTP Asset Renewal
- Blue Lake WWTP Solids Processing

## Customer Service Goals

- Deliver predictable & justifiable rates
- Provide fair, equitable, and transparent cost allocation
- Invest in the system to insure well-maintained assets
- Protect the public health, safety and environment
- Be a good neighbor
- Provide planned capacity
- Engage customers

## Budget Process Timeline



**Environment Services also provides the following services for the region:**

### INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Environment Services regulates and monitors approximately 950 industrial dischargers into the sewer system to ensure compliance with local and federal regulations to protect public health and the environment.

### WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT & PLANNING

Environment Services provides leadership and information to empower Council and local actions that ensure clean, healthy and sustainable water resources for the region. Services include planning & collaboration, monitoring, and assessment & technical assistance.

### WATER SUPPLY PLANNING

The role of the Metropolitan Council in water supply planning is to collaboratively develop a regional plan, maintain a database of technical information, assist communities in developing their water supply plans, and identify approaches for emerging issues.

Water Supply Planning is funded by the Council property tax levy and Clean Water Legacy Funds.

Learn more

[metro council.org/Wastewater-Water.aspx](https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water.aspx)

### Environment Services Mission

We partner, plan, and provide services to protect our region's water.

