

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

As the City of Flint continues to recover from the water emergency, officials must determine a permanent primary and back-up drinking water source. It is important that you are informed and involved in the process before a final decision is made.

What is being recommended?

City officials are recommending the City of Flint stay with Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) as its primary source of water and use Genesee County as its back-up water source.

BENEFITS OF STAYING WITH GLWA:

- **Protects public health:** There would not be another water source switch, which reduces concerns and avoids unknown issues that may result from another change in the water source.
- **Relief for residents:** Flint residents would gain access to GLWA's low income assistance program to help pay their water bills.
- **Lowest cost option:** This is the lowest cost option, which may enable the city to reduce water rates.
- **Pipe replacement:** More funding for the FAST Start pipe replacement initiative and other improvements to Flint's water quality monitoring and delivery system.
- **Upgrades to the system:** Helps Flint position itself to build a state-of-the-art, 21st-century water distribution system that is right-sized and equipped with features such as real-time monitoring of water quality, new pumps, and smart meters.

CONSEQUENCES OF LEAVING GLWA:

- **Public health risk:** The city would have to switch its water source again, make extensive updates at the water treatment plant, and develop and implement appropriate water treatment protocols. Additionally, the city would lose access to GLWA water in October and there is uncertainty pertaining to the timing and availability of a backup water source.
- **Major fiscal challenges:** The city would still have to pay the \$7 million, 28-year debt for the KWA pipeline. Nearly \$60 million dollars that is currently allocated for pipe replacement and infrastructure improvements would instead be used to make upgrades to the outdated water treatment plant.
- **Water rate increase:** To cover payment for two water sources would require an approximate 50 percent water rate increase, which would be passed on to residents to cover the city's debt.
- **EPA consent order violation:** The EPA-mandated consent order requiring the city to have technical, financial and management capabilities in place to implement their water source option would be violated under any option (except keeping with GLWA). That is one reason why the EPA supports this recommendation as an option that is supportive of public health.

For more information, visit CityofFlint.com.

How can my voice be heard?

Questions and comments can be shared at flintwatersourceinfo@cityofflint.com.

The public comment period was extended from May 20.

The overall consideration period now ends June 12.

