

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

BORROWER: Erie County Water Authority

LOCATION: Erie County, New York

WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: \$22.8 million

TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS: \$46.7 million

POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT: 550,000 people

NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED: 149 jobs



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Erie County Water Authority's Strategic Plan Improvements Project is composed of three components that will modernize the county's aging drinking water treatment plants and pump station and protect public health. The project will improve the reliability of the drinking water system's operations and ensure that it can meet current and future demands. Additionally, it will address the growing threat of algal blooms in Lake Erie, the drinking water system's source, and ensure resiliency to the impacts of climate change.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Proactively protects public health and promotes resiliency to climate change.
- Provides safe and reliable delivery of drinking water to the community.
- Saves Erie County approximately \$3.1 million by financing with a WIFIA loan.



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