

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.

ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE PROGRAM

BORROWER: City of Joliet

LOCATION: Joliet, Illinois

WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: \$87,465,000

TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS: \$182,510,000

POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT: 150,000 people

NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED: 800 jobs



City of Joliet, Illinois

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Joliet's Alternative Water Source Program will provide a sustainable, high-quality source of drinking water to the City of Joliet and neighboring communities. The city's primary water source, deep sandstone aquifers, will be unable to support regional demand by 2030. This loan will support the planning, design, and project management of the program, including modernizing the existing drinking water distribution system and connecting to a new water source, Lake Michigan. This is the first loan under a master agreement that will commit over \$340 million in WIFIA financial assistance to the City of Joliet to implement its Alternative Water Source Program.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Supports development of a critically needed new water source for the city and neighboring communities.
- Plans and designs improvements to create a reliable, resilient drinking water system.
- Saves the City of Joliet approximately \$41 million by financing with a WIFIA loan.

