Shoring up New York State’s water infrastructure will cost at least $80 billion over the next 20 years. No state’s needs are greater. The Clean Water Infrastructure Act (CWIA) and the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) are critical sources of investment, and represent New York’s largest investment in clean water in a generation.

Protecting and improving water quality in our streams, rivers and lakes requires functioning modern wastewater treatment plants, pump stations and pipes. This critical infrastructure protects public health and the environment by preventing sewage from entering our waters without proper treatment. Investing in wastewater infrastructure creates good paying jobs; helps to protect people who swim, boat and fish; prevents harmful algal blooms; and ensures high quality habitat for fish and aquatic life.

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