THE UNITED STATE(S) OF WATER

Ongoing access to clean, safe water is critical to our economy, health, and way of life. Although we live in different parts of the country, Americans are united in our dependence on water and the infrastructure that connects, protects, and supports it.

THE COST OF CLEAN

Water is free, keeping it clean, safe, and flowing is not. We must invest in our systems.

$4.8 trillion to maintain water & wastewater systems

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE INVEST?

We could gain over $220 billion in annual economic activity and generate 1.3 million jobs by meeting U.S. water & wastewater infrastructure needs.

$20 billion

GOING GREEN, SAVES GREEN

30%-60%: the amount of $ saved by treating stormwater at its source with green & traditional infrastructure.

AGE AT-A-GLANCE

Average age is 60–130 years old.

WHERE'S THE WATER?

The average American uses 100 gallons of water daily.

RETURNS ON INVESTMENT

Every new water sector job adds another $3.66 to the economy.

Every $1 spent on infrastructure generates $6 in returns.

VALUE OF WATER

■ 60% of Americans are in favor of paying more to invest in water infrastructure.

■ 23 to 1 = return for U.S. public health from early clean water investments.

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THE THREE R’s

Every drop is cleaned, reused, recycled, & returned to the environment.

■ The average American sends between 66–182 gallons of wastewater to the system each day.

■ 34 billion gallons of water are treated each day by U.S. water treatment plants.

■ 800,000 miles of water pipes

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SOURCES:


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