

INVESTING IN OAKLAND COUNTY'S WATER FUTURE

A New Operations Facility for Essential Public Services

FUNDING PLAN

This facility will not be funded by the County General Fund.

Funding includes:

- Drain Equipment Fund contribution
- County-issued bond financing for remaining costs
- Supported through labor reimbursement rates

Customer Impact

- Average water and sewer customer: about \$1 per month
- Wholesale communities and drain customers: 0.8% average increase
- Post construction efficiencies should offset the proposed increase over time

ESTIMATED \$5M IN ANNUAL OPERATIONAL SAVINGS

A new facility will reduce long-term costs while improving service reliability.

- \$1.5M shared equipment, staffing efficiencies, and cross-training
- \$1.5M longer equipment life through indoor storage
- \$1M lower utilities and avoided maintenance on aging buildings
- \$840K on-site fueling and water plus reduced travel time

WHY THIS MATTERS

Every day we work to protect public health and deliver reliable water and sewer service to hundreds of thousands of residents. But the facilities supporting these critical services were built for a much smaller operation. Our workforce has nearly doubled — from 200 employees to 380 — while our facilities have not grown to match the demand.

Growth has been driven by:

- Overseeing construction for aging infrastructure
- New customer communities
- Operation of major infrastructure including the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain (serves over 830,000 residents for sewer services), City of Pontiac water and sewer systems (more than 61,000 residents), and the Clinton River Water Resource Recovery Facility (serves 14 municipalities)
- Increased state and federal regulatory requirements

Today, six undersized facilities house staff and equipment needed to maintain countywide services.

Current challenges include:

- Operations spread across multiple inefficient buildings
- Inefficiencies that increase long-term operating costs
- 123 employees working in space built for 85

We oversee the most critical public services residents depend on every day. This project ensures we have the facility needed to protect essential infrastructure for decades to come — while minimizing long-term costs to ratepayers.

THE VISION

A bigger operations facility to serve Oakland County for the next 50+ years. The new facility will:

- Increase efficiency and shared use of equipment
- Bring teams together to improve coordination and emergency response
- Support capacity for more employees and future growth

Project Overview

- \$154M approximate project cost with contingencies
- Built on 38 acres of county-owned land (saving \$10 million)
- Indoor garage for 180 vehicles and 58 equipment units
- Administration and field operations workspaces for current and future employees

PROJECT TIMELINE

