



# Clean Water Initiative



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**Why?** Governor Quinn recently announced the 2012 Illinois Clean Water Initiative for affordable drinking water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades in Illinois.

Infrastructure improvements will benefit the environment and public health for the citizens of Illinois.

**What?** \$1 billion in additional financing will be available for loans from the Illinois EPA for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvements.

**When?** The Illinois Clean Water Initiative financing will be phased in over the next two years.

**How?** The Illinois Clean Water Initiative will be financed through the sale of bonds by the Illinois Finance Authority, which will not increase general obligation debt for the state. The Illinois Clean Water Initiative will leverage federal grant funding through the Illinois EPA's existing loan program, along with loan repayments by communities receiving project funding.



### **What do interested communities need to know about the 2012 Illinois Clean Water Initiative?**

- ◆ There is no deadline for funding application.
- ◆ The existing loan program process, rules and forms will remain the same.
- ◆ Communities are encouraged to submit full and complete loan applications for their projects.
- ◆ The Illinois EPA stands ready to assist any eligible applicant interested in participating.

◆ The Illinois Clean Water Initiative will create 28,500 construction jobs and drive community business growth across the state. According to the Associated General Contractors, every \$1 billion in spending on infrastructure creates 9,700 direct construction jobs (pipefitters, plumbers, electricians, operating engineers, carpenters), 4,600 indirect jobs in supplier industries (mining, manufacturing & services); and 14,300 induced jobs resulting from purchases out of the additional income of workers and owners in the directly and indirectly supported industries.

◆ Communities will be able to finance drinking water and wastewater projects through the existing loan program at below-market rates for an extended period.



For more information on the wastewater and drinking water loan programs, including forms and a description of the application process, please see:

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/state-revolving-fund.html>