



CITY OF ALTON WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Illinois American Water has provided the City of Alton with the technical and financial resources to meet current and future EPA requirements.

ALTON'S PATH TO PROGRESS

The City of Alton, located in Madison County faced a complex set of challenges with its wastewater system. The city's sewer collection system was originally built in the 1960s, primarily composed of clay pipes that had deteriorated over time causing widespread inflow and infiltration during storm events. The treatment facility had reached the end of its operational life and city leaders faced significant financial pressure to address regulatory mandates and competing obligations.

CHALLENGES

- **Rates:** The existing system was operating at a financial disadvantage. Based on the existing rate structure, funds were not available to implement needed improvements.
- **Financial:** The City needed to resolve significant police and fire pension issues, as well as to invest in upgrading the wastewater treatment plant.
- **Regulatory:** Under the Combined Sewer Overflows Long-Term Control Plan from the EPA, the City of Alton needed to make a significant investment in improvements to uphold Plan responsibilities for their wastewater system.

SOLUTIONS

After contracting with an expert consultant to perform system evaluations on wastewater assets, the City chose to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to sell its assets. Through the RFP process, Illinois American Water was selected by the City as the best long-term solution provider for its residents.

LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Financial:** The City received \$53.8 million for its wastewater assets after regulatory approval and at close of sale. This financial gain allowed the City to relieve existing operations debt and make significant contributions to the Firefighters and Police pension funds.
- **Investment:** Illinois American Water has invested approximately \$63.79 million since completing the purchase in 2019 and expects to invest an additional \$64 million over the next five years
- **Regulatory:** Illinois American Water's investments of more than \$33 million in improvements to the wastewater system are part of ongoing improvements required per the Long-Term Control Plan. These improvements along with the additional upgrades to the Alton Wastewater Treatment plant of more than \$8 million has improved the ability of the system to remain in compliance with EPA regulations and improve quality and service for customers.

ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER'S INVESTMENTS IN ALTON WASTEWATER

Year	Investment
2020	\$3.67 million
2021	\$13.46 million
2022	\$16.37 million
2023	\$18.69 million
2024	\$11.60 million
Total	\$63.79 million

"Water quality is very important because drinking water is an essential health need, and throughout our country there are health concerns with drinking water, but one thing that we have never had to be worried about with Illinois American Water is the quality of the drinking water."

- David Goins, Mayor of Alton

