



BENEFITS OF ASSET PURCHASE FOR TOWN OF SHERIDAN

- Generates revenue from sale proceeds
- Ensures compliance with environmental regulations
- Provides professional management of water/wastewater operations
- Protects water/wastewater rates through single-tariff pricing, regulated by Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

SOLUTIONS FOR SHERIDAN

The Indiana American Water acquisition of the Town of Sheridan’s water and wastewater systems produces economic stability, long-term solutions with \$65.4 million in Sheridan investments.

Indiana American Water proudly serves the Town of Sheridan and its over 3,000 residents to support the community’s water and wastewater systems.

Prior to 2018, the town was facing aging treatment plants and infrastructure, as well as Sheridan’s need to pay off other utility-related debt.

Both wastewater and water treatment plants were built in the 1950s. While incremental improvements took place over the years, demands on the system and financial pressures were adding up.

For example, Sheridan’s wastewater treatment plant experienced wastewater overloads, especially during wet weather. These resulted in 25 bypass and 12 overflow Notices of Violation and penalties for its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Town officials sought to partner with a utility that would manage operations while infusing capital into the water and wastewater systems, as well as the town, with the purchase of the utilities.

Indiana American Water’s acquisition of the Sheridan water and wastewater systems was approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) in September 2018 and finalized on December 17, 2018. That purchase would lead to long-range property tax revenue for the Town of Sheridan. Since 2018, Indiana American Water has paid \$1.14 million in property taxes to Sheridan and Adams Township.

LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Since purchasing Sheridan’s water and wastewater systems in December 2018, Indiana American Water began to make significant improvements to the utilities. The company keeps making improvements in Sheridan with \$65.4 million invested into Sheridan by the end of 2024.

With the anticipated growth in the region, Indiana American Water has built and continues to build new treatment facilities, made infrastructure improvements in service lines, and is modernizing treatment for water and wastewater to environmental, health and safety regulations set by Indiana authorities and federal standards.



INDIANA AMERICAN WATER’S INVESTMENTS IN SHERIDAN SYSTEMS

1. Utility purchase from Sheridan.....	\$10.75 million
2. Wastewater treatment plant.....	\$9.25 million
3. Wastewater mains, rerouting, pumps, treatment equipment.....	\$2.13 million
4. Water mains, network & production.....	\$3.49 million
5. Water treatment plant (to be complete in 2024).....	\$31.01 million
6. Additional mains, tank, & other costs.....	\$8.8 million
TOTAL BY YEAR-END 2024	\$65.4 MILLION

\$34.5 MILLION WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

The Sheridan Water Treatment Plant is being replaced along with the installation of new water mains, fire hydrants, valves and meters, which will result in an additional \$34.5 million investment in Sheridan’s water service by the end of 2024.

Improvements to water treatment processes will improve service reliability, energy efficiency and public safety.

Sheridan’s current facility, built in the 1950s, has a production capacity of 500,000 gallons per day. It will be expanded to 1.5 million gallons per day to meet growing customer demand and community growth.

Sheridan’s new water treatment plant, placed into service in August 2024, provides the following enhancements:

- New chemical feed systems so the facility complies with current and future drinking water regulations
- Centralized data-monitoring system to enhance plant operations
- Emergency generator to operate the facility in case of power outages

In addition, Indiana American Water has invested millions to replace aging water lines, fire hydrants, pumps and meters throughout the systems. The new system helps provide adequate water pressure, increases flows for firefighting and improves reliability of water service.

INVESTED NEARLY \$11.4 MILLION IN SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Completed in 2021, the state-of-the-art Sheridan Wastewater Treatment Plant replaced an antiquated facility that also dated back to the 1950s.

The upgrades were required to address the notices of violation due to overflows while also tripling the plant’s treatment capacity from nearly 500,000 gallons per day to one million gallons per day and three million gallons of peak daily flow during wet conditions.

Additional enhancements to the plant’s electrical, chemical feeds, disinfection systems and technology controls were also part of the modernization of Sheridan’s wastewater treatment facility.

