



SUPPORT H.F.3829/S.F.4151

Clean water is critical for the health of the communities & the natural environment in the Alexandria Lake Area. Improvements to **ALASD Water Reclamation Facility (WRF)** are needed to meet State of Minnesota permit requirements for nutrient reductions & protect water quality while protecting the regional economy to accommodate existing & continued growth.

Protect the sensitive waters of the Alexandria Lakes Area

OUR ASK

ALASD requests \$25 million to upgrade Alexandria WRF, which serves 3 cities and 8 townships. This \$70 million project will include advanced ultrafiltration technology to remove significant amounts of phosphorus and protect the Lake Winona-Agnes-Henry-Le Homme Dieu-Carlos chain of lakes, and the Long Prairie River watershed.

Environmental Protection

When nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen enter surface waters, it can lead to algae which is linked to fish kills and toxic algae blooms. The WRF upgrade will significantly reduce phosphorus and nitrogen to protect lake health and overall ecology.

Affordability Concerns

Estimated costs for facility improvements exceed \$70 million, with over half attributed to meeting nutrient reduction requirements. ALASD has incrementally increased user rates 10% each year over the past three years, but additional funding is necessary to maintain affordability while meeting state standards.

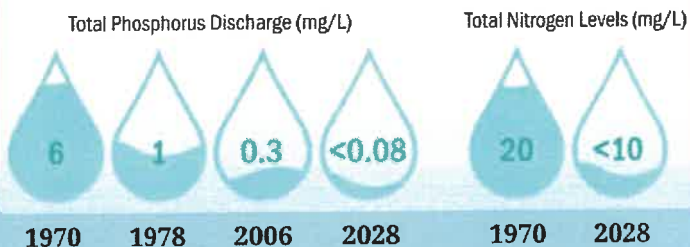
Support More Affordable & Multi-family Housing

Population growth in the Alexandria area has increased the need for more affordable and multi-family housing, which will require additional capacity in ALASD's infrastructure. ALASD serves a population of 26,500 that continues to grow.

Regional Impacts

The advancements to the WRF will improve water quality, safeguarding the environment and supporting the regional economy. Protecting water quality preserves the region's property values while fostering growth for businesses, tourism, and industry.

Legislative support is essential to facilitate necessary infrastructure upgrades & protect the region's water resources for generations to come.



ALASD has been a state leader in reducing nutrients in Minnesota's waters. With this project, phosphorus and nitrogen will be among lowest in state.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3829

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Alexandria Lake Area
1.3 Sanitary District; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. ALEXANDRIA LAKE AREA SANITARY DISTRICT; REGIONAL
1.6 WATER FACILITY.

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1.8 fund to the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to the Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary
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1.10 upgrades to the ALASD's regional water reclamation facility, including advanced
1.11 ultrafiltration technology to meet low-level total phosphorous removal requirements, thus
1.12 protecting the Lake Winona-Agnes-Henry-Le Homme Dieu-Carlos chain of lakes, and
1.13 environmental protection to Long Prairie River watershed. This appropriation is available
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1.15 to complete the project has been committed to the project.

1.16 Subd. 2. Bond sale. To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
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1.18 the state in an amount up to \$25,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
1.19 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
1.20 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

1.21 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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