The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation’s water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

**METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS SEWER DISTRICT**

**PROJECT NAME:** Project Clear - Deer Creek Watershed and Lemay Service Area System Improvements

**LOCATION:** St. Louis, MO

**INVITED WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT:** $278 million

**POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT:** 1,300,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**
The Deer Creek Watershed and Lemay Service Area System Improvements projects are sewer and wastewater system projects that will facilitate combined sewer separation, eliminate overcharged sewers, implement new biosolids treatment and dewatering processes at wastewater treatment plants, and construct a new Solids Processing Building. The purposes of these projects is to improve water quality in Deer Creek and protect water quality in the United States’ largest watershed by eliminating the flow of sanitary sewage into local channels and diverting flows to the new Deer Creek Tunnel.

**FY 2021 SELECTION ROUND**

**NUMBER OF PROJECTS SELECTED:** 40

**NUMBER OF PROJECTS WAITLISTED:** 4

**TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT:** $8.9 billion

**TOTAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SUPPORTED:** $19 billion

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT:** 50 million in 24 states

The WIFIA program will provide selected entities with innovative financing tools to address pressing public health and environmental challenges in their communities. Consistent with the announced priorities, selected projects will support infrastructure improvements in historically disadvantaged communities, modernize and protect infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather and climate change, and use new and innovative approaches to address community needs.