

## ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE PROGRAM

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**BORROWER:** Grand Prairie Water Commission

**LOCATION:** Channahon, Crest Hill, Joliet, Minooka, Romeoville, and Shorewood, Illinois

**WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT:** \$610 million

**TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS:** \$1.2 billion

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

**NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED:** 3,983 jobs



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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Grand Prairie Water Commission, comprised of six communities in Illinois, will utilize WIFIA financing for its Alternative Water Source Program that will establish a reliable and safe drinking water source for the region. This project includes constructing a 62-mile regional water transmission network and upgrading other infrastructure and systems, including new pumping stations, and water delivery structures. With this project, Commission members will replace a depleting groundwater aquifer source with Lake Michigan's reliable, high-quality source water. Additionally, the project will increase system reliability, ensuring the Commission can meet the drinking water needs of current and future customers.

### PROJECT AND FINANCING BENEFITS

- Establishes access to Lake Michigan as a reliable, high-quality drinking water source.
- Upgrades existing water infrastructure to increase system reliability and reduce non-revenue water loss.
- Provides flexibility through the ability to customize repayment schedules and defer principal payments for several years after construction completion, saving the Grand Prairie Water Commission nearly \$300 million over the life of the loan.