

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2008/09 BUDGET

AGENCY 41 WATER

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Water Department will help support the Mayor's vision to transform the government of the City of Detroit to the Next Detroit by applying the guiding principles of the Next Detroit, which means structural balancing by bringing costs in line with revenue, while improving services.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) will exceed our customers' expectations through innovative treatment and transmission of water and wastewater that promote healthy communities and economic growth, and excels in the management of cost efficient water sources for the people of Southeastern Michigan.

DESCRIPTION

The Water Supply System is administratively part of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department while maintained as a separate fund in the City of Detroit's accounting system. The department operates five water treatment plants and twenty-one booster (repumping) stations and twenty reservoirs. Of these five water plants, two plants are located in Detroit and one each is located in Allen Park, Dearborn and Port Huron. There are three sources of raw water supply -- Detroit River at Fighting Island, Detroit River at Belle Isle and Lake Huron north of Port Huron. DWSD's five water treatment plants pump an average of 675 million gallons of clean drinking water each day.

The Water Supply System's primary role is to provide potable water for over 4 million residents in Southeastern Michigan, delivered at various points in the system at adequate pressure to meet our customers' needs. The water provided is in conformance with applicable standards as required by Michigan's Safe Drinking Water Act. The department furnishes sufficient water pressure and pipeline service to assure acceptable fire protection.

The water system serves a total population of nearly 4 million people in Detroit and in 125 other communities within a 1,011 square mile service area in Southeastern Michigan. The main administrative offices are located at 735 Randolph in downtown Detroit. Approximately 3,400 miles of transmission and distribution mains within the City of Detroit, and 790 miles of transmission lines in the remaining service area are owned and maintained by the department.

GOALS

1. To implement the policies of the Board, Charter requirements and Federal mandates for supplying water and sewerage services.
2. To provide an adequate level of trained personnel to operate the water and sewerage systems.
3. To educate and inform both retail and wholesale customers and the community about important DWSD projects, initiatives, and water and wastewater issues.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES	\$348,375,330	\$348,375,330
REVENUES	<u>348,375,330</u>	<u>348,375,330</u>
NET TAX COST	\$ 0	\$ 0
POSITIONS	1,922	1,922