# City Council Work Session

Ann Arbor Water Strategic Plan WTP Facility Plan

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Facility







# **AGENDA**

- 1 Session Purpose
- 2 WTP Facility Plan Background
- 3 Community Engagement
- 4 Ann Arbor Water Strategic Plan
- 5 Next Steps
- 6 Council Discussion





## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION | Purpose**



Introduce the Ann Arbor Water Strategic Plan



Share community engagement process and outcomes



Foster Council's adoption of the Ann Arbor Water Strategic Plan







## WTP FACILITY PLAN | Background

2015

City of Ann Arbor Completes
Water Treatment Alternatives
Evaluation

PREVIOUS COUNCIL WORK SESSION

2021

City Council re-affirms WTP Rehabilitation

WE ARE HERE

2023

Completion of Strategic Plan; Start of pilot study

2016

City Council approves rehabilitation of water treatment plant

2022

Start of WTP Facility Plan project including strategic planning, community engagement, and development of treatment recommendations





# ANN ARBOR WATER STRATEGIC PLAN | Purpose



Establish the strategic framework to guide decision-making: guiding principles and aspirational goals



Capture **community priorities** for Ann Arbor Water through hands-on Strategic Plan development



Review and update as a living document

**STRATEGIC PLAN** 

WTP FACILITY PLAN

**50-YEAR ROADMAP** 





# **ANN ARBOR WATER STRATEGIC PLAN | Guiding Principles**

Steering decision-making for the WTP Facility Plan

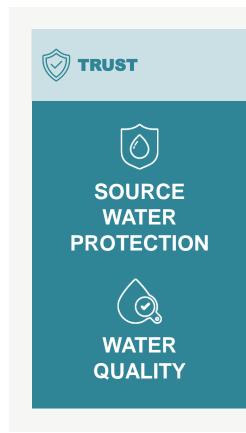






# ANN ARBOR WATER STRATEGIC PLAN | Aspirational Goal Topics

Translating guiding principles into action















# **NEXT STEPS | WTP Facility Plan**



#### **OPERATIONALIZE STRATEGIC PLAN**

Ann Arbor Water will design action plans aligned to next steps identified in the Strategic Plan



#### WE CONSISTENTLY DELIVER.



# REHABILITATE PORTIONS OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)



Conduct **pilot testing** to evaluate effectiveness of new water treatment technologies



Select additional **treatment strategies** with the flexibility to manage contaminants of concern



Consider and implement technologies that move the WTP towards **net zero energy** consumption



#### WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO YOU.



#### **SEEK FUNDING**



Explore **funding sources** to support infrastructure rehabilitation



Use **financial models** to plan infrastructure investments





# **NEXT STEPS | WTP Facility Plan**



#### **OPERATIONALIZE STRATEGIC PLAN**

Ann Arbor Water will design action plans aligned to next steps identified in the Strategic Plan



#### WE ARE A COMMUNITY.



# ADVANCE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO WATER SERVICES



Adopt WTP Facility Plan community engagement recommendations into capital projects



Benchmark Ann Arbor Water **policies and programs** against industry best practices



**Invest in workforce** continued education and technical skills training to maintain quality service



#### **KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.**



# RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF DRINKING WATER



Assess the **effectiveness of existing communications** to increase engagement



Prepare a **Communications Plan** for Ann Arbor Water



Invest in research, development, and innovation to increase resiliency





# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Process**



#### **Community Groups Engaged**

- Equitable Engagement
   Steering Committee
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Major Customer
   Representatives:
  - Scio Township
  - Ann Arbor Public Schools
  - Ann Arbor Charter Township
  - University of Michigan

- Community Action Network
- Avalon Housing
- Neutral Zone
- Bryant Community Center
- Food Gatherers
- Brewers Guild





# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | City-wide Survey Outcomes**

# Top Ranked Water Quality Concerns Maintain a reliable water supply Handle threats to our water Access to clean drinking water, regardless of ability to pay Keep costs and rates down Impact on Strategic Plan Informed development of aspirational goals and recommendations for next steps Equal Weighting of Guiding Principles

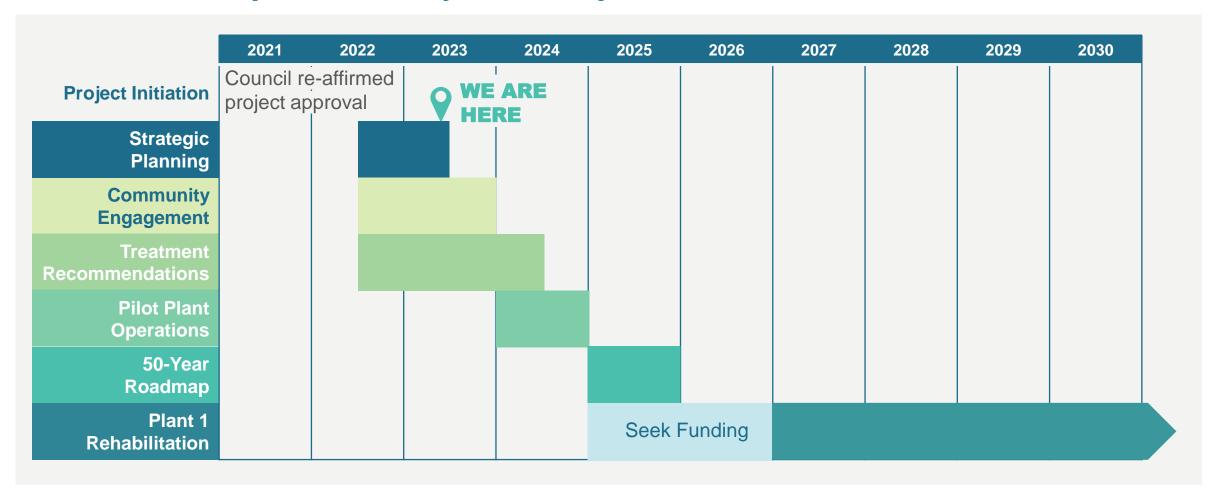




Confirmed alignment in priorities for water treatment service delivery



# **NEXT STEPS | WTP Facility Plan Project Schedule**





# ANN ARBOR WATER Committed to Excellence

# **NEXT STEPS |** City Council





