



## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT THE ILLINOIS CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE:

*"This Initiative hits a triple. It will put thousands of members of unionized building trades back to work. It will save money for local property taxpayers by cutting the cost of financing clean water projects. Most importantly, the Clean Water Initiative will ensure safe drinking water and reliable wastewater treatment for Illinois citizens."*

- Chris Meister, executive director, Illinois Finance Authority

*"The Clean Water Initiative will build upon the State Revolving Fund programs administered by Illinois EPA which have made real improvements in the quality of life and economic strength of hundreds of communities. These programs have funded projects such as replacing deteriorating water mains, building separate stormwater sewers to prevent sewage discharge into rivers and assuring water storage for fire protection. We invite leaders of local governments and water treatment districts to visit our website and join us in partnership to move our state forward."*

- John Kim, interim director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

*"Tremendous water quality and wildlife improvements have been made in the 40 years since the passage of the Clean Water Act. This is a significant state investment that will further the landmark Act's goals of fishable and swimmable rivers, lakes and streams."*

- Marc Miller, director, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

*"I cannot think of a better way to celebrate the anniversary of the Clean Water Act than for our leadership in Washington and the leadership in Illinois to announce their continued commitment to clean water in such a tangible way. The funding support needed for infrastructure is well publicized. I deal with 125 communities in Cook County representing five million residents that need affordable alternatives to infrastructure investment. This plan will go a long way in fulfilling this investment need."*

- David St. Pierre, executive director,  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

*"Thanks to Governor Quinn's leadership, Aurora was able to fast track the replacement of aging water mains to improve service reliability to our residents and reduce the need for costly emergency repairs. The IEPA revolving loan fund also allowed Aurora to separate three miles of combined sewers. These critical capital improvements serve to reduce basement back-ups for our residents and protect one of our greatest natural assets: the Fox River."*

- Tom Weisner, mayor, city of Aurora

*"It was a great thing for our community. Small cities across America are facing this problem of old inadequate wastewater treatment plants. The stars aligned and we were able to get this financing and move forward while saving millions of dollars in interest costs."*

- Robbin Blacker, city administrator, Rock Falls

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*"It was critical that we maintain and upgrade our infrastructure to provide for growth in our community, which has grown by 30 percent since the last census, and we are looking at additional residential development."*

- Larry Bloemker, village president, Hamel, Illinois

*"We commend Governor Quinn for launching the Illinois Clean Water Initiative that will invest in drinking water and wastewater systems across Illinois. There is a great need across the nation to invest in water systems and this program will bring thousands of jobs while ensuring that our environment is protected and our precious water supply is not wasted."*

- Marcia Hale, president, Building America's Future.

*"Investing in clean water infrastructure protects our drinking water, our waterways, and creates good jobs in communities across Illinois. We applaud Governor Quinn for his leadership in helping communities make the investments that will protect our water supply."*

- Jack Darin, director, Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter

*"The U.S. Clean Water Act of 1972 fortified federal-state partnerships to tackle polluted lakes and rivers. Our Clean Water Initiative will fortify state-local partnerships to tackle our crumbling water infrastructure."*

- Pat Quinn, governor, state of Illinois

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