

## Where Are We Going?

**The Facilities Plan is a roadmap of cost-effective solutions for a full range of regional wastewater needs through the year 2025.**

The Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) completed construction of the community's regional wastewater facilities in 1984. These facilities were intended to serve the area until 2005. In order to meet increasingly stringent environmental regulations and our community's growing needs for wastewater collection and treatment, a comprehensive update to the original facilities was needed. Extensive planning was done and input from consulting engineer firms was collected to create the 2004-Facilities Plan.

The projects in the Facilities Plan include improvements to wastewater pump stations, enhancements to existing primary and secondary treatment facilities for further improving the quality of treated wastewater, and the expansion of existing facilities, such as pre-treatment and solids removal. This will help us handle peak wet weather flows more efficiently than ever. The Plan also includes projects for even better odor control and a safer disinfection system.

Additionally, the plan includes expansion of recycled water use of up to 10 million gallons per day. With the addition of tertiary filtration, the MWMC will be capable of producing Class A recycled water—the highest quality of recycled water recognized by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

### **Good Stewardship Makes Good Cents.**

The Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission purposefully manages the cost impacts to rate payers for upgrading the regional wastewater treatment facili-

ties. The price of this investment (in 2006 dollars) is \$195 million. In order to ensure financing for the capital improvements, the MWMC has issued 20-year bonds. As a result, current rate payers are not carrying the full financial burden of the improvements and newly-connected users will appropriately pay their share of costs.

We're serious about managing our financial resources to ensure that we maximize the investment rate payers make through the fees collected by EWEB and SUB. The MWMC also takes proactive steps to manage the financial impacts on sewer rates. Because of this, the Facilities Plan is being constructed using a phased "build-as-needed" approach. This method makes certain that facilities will be built on a timeline that meets capacity and environmental performance needs while not overbuilding our capacity. This saves our rate payers money, while protecting the environment and safeguarding public health and safety.

## We're Your Good Neighbor

**The MWMC takes pride in being a good neighbor to the surrounding neighborhoods, schools, businesses and parks in many different ways.**

Significant work went into maintaining the original "footprint" of the wastewater treatment plant. All improvements and expansions are being done within the current fence line of the facility. As part of our "good neighbor" philosophy, the Facilities Plan also has processes in place to control odors.

We value our neighbors and service users. That's why we go the extra mile to beautify the grounds at our facility, stay on our side of the fence, and control odors.

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## Our Mission

To protect public health and safety and the environment by providing high quality wastewater management services to the Eugene-Springfield community.