

City of Sault Ste. Marie
DWSRF Project Planning Document
City Commission Meeting Presentation Summary

On May 15, 2023, OHM Advisors presented a summary of the draft DWSRF Project Planning Document to the City Commission. The presentation, which is linked to this summary, provided a relatively high-level review of the recommendations which were derived from a variety of previously prepared City documents along with several meetings with City staff. Because the City Commission meeting was also intended to allow for public/Commission comment, below is a summary of the questions asked and the responses provided:

Question: Will these projects result in the same impacts as the prior CSO projects?

Answer: These are different projects thus the impacts will not be the same.

Question: What is the payment timeframe for these projects?

Answer: Payments are spread over a 20-year timeframe.

Question: How is spending the money now going to result in future savings.

Answer: Improving the existing infrastructure while it is still functioning, and before it fails, will lessen the future expenditures (i.e. upgrades vs replacements).

Question: What is the anticipated ratio of loan versus grant offerings?

Answer: It is presently unknown, but the State is projected to inform the City sometime in August.

City Commission subsequently considered the DWSRF submittal resolution which was approved via a unanimous voice vote. The DWSRF Project Planning Document will be submitted on behalf of the City by OHM Advisors to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) no later than June 1, 2023.