

### WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting #2

#### Welcome & Introductions of New Members

- Sarah Houston, Executive Director, Protector Our Aquifer
- Natalie Hanson, Executive Director, Middle Tennessee Chapter, National Utility Contractors Association
- Anthony Haynes, Executive Director, Tennessee Municipal League
- Betsy Knotts, Director, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury



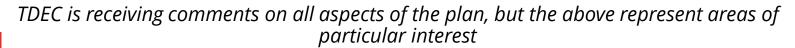
#### Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan - Content

- American Rescue Plan Background
- Current State of Water Infrastructure in Tennessee
- Water Infrastructure Investment Plan Priorities
- Funding Approach
  - Administration
  - Disbursement
    - Formula-Based Non-Competitive Grants
      - Allocations
      - Minimum Sub-Recipient Requirements
      - Proposal and Project Requirements
    - State-Initiated Strategic Projects
    - Competitive Grants
- Timelines
- Communication, Education & Outreach



# Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan – TDEC Focus Areas for Comments

- System types targeted by non-competitive grants (Section VII)
- Ability for counties to serve as primary sub-recipients that will pass-through funds to municipalities and/or water systems and alternative approaches (Section VII)
- Allocation approach and alternative methodologies (Section VII)
- Match amounts and eligible match sources (Section VII)
- Actions TDEC can take to support sub-recipient planning and identification of projects (Section VII)
- Actions TDEC can take to fully inform interested stakeholders on plans for deploying funds and non-competitive grants in particular (Section VII)
- Current water infrastructure data and information challenges and how a state-led project could alleviate them (Section VIII)
- Project types and eligible sub-recipients that should be emphasized through competitive granting program (Section VIII)





## Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan – Comment Submission

TDEC will be accepting written comments on the *Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan* through Friday, October 29, 2021. Written comments may be delivered electronically (preferred) to <a href="mailto:TDEC.ARP@tn.gov">TDEC.ARP@tn.gov</a> or mailed to the department at

RE: Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan Comments
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243



#### Discussion & Feedback on Draft Plan

What are your thoughts based on review to date?



## Stakeholder Feedback and Questions to Date & Activities Moving Forward

- Recent engagement activities
- Feedback areas
  - Allocation Methodology
  - Match sources
  - Process and collaboration among counties, municipalities, and water systems
  - Sub-recipient relationships and passing on of compliance requirements
  - Specific project type eligibility
  - Depreciation
  - Supply and engineer shortages
- Planned engagement activities



### TN Infrastructure Scorecard Updates

- History of TN Infrastructure Scorecard
- Current revisions
  - Recommend thresholds for action
  - Compliance and enforcement history
  - Risk and resiliency
  - Stormwater
- Use as part of non-competitive grant process
  - Informs system identification of high return on investment process
  - Supports prioritization of identified projects for inclusion in sub-recipient proposals for funding
- TAUD activities and engagement

