

## Stakeholder Advisory Group

Meeting #1

July 26, 2023





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## **Meeting Overview and Objectives**



Introductions / Icebreaker



Meeting Norms



Water Revitalization
Plan Overview

## **Meeting Norms**

#### **Examples:**

- Attend each meeting and get up to speed if unable to attend.
- Practice active listening and be respectful of all members, facilitators and other meeting attendees
- Come prepared for all meetings
- Honor the agenda and support meeting start and end times.



# **Community Engagement**

#### **Public Outreach**

#### Stakeholder Advisory Group

The Public Affairs Team has officially selected members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group. Approximately 200 applicants submitted applications, resulting in a selection of 12 primary and 4 alternate members. Next steps for the Team include notifying SAG applicants, creating a public announcement, and preparing for the first SAG meeting in late July.



## Understanding Your Role as Water Revitalization Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group Members

#### **✓ Review and Monitor Program Progress**

• Gain awareness and understanding for the Water Revitalization Plan

#### ✓ Communicate Progress and Serve as Spokespeople for the Plan

• Be an advocate! Disseminate information to networks on progress and increase community awareness of the WRP and the benefits for Philadelphia.

#### **✓** Receive Input from the Public

Solicit feedback on the WRP as we advance toward construction.

#### **✓** Assist in Minimizing Community Impacts

• Provide feedback on approaches to minimize community impacts.

## **Community Listening Sessions & Events**

- Community Listening Sessions
   will be held to share information
   on important project milestones.
- In-person Community Events will be held to increase project awareness and get valuable feedback.
- Community Listening
   Sessions anticipated to begin in Winter.



## Water Revitalization Plan (WRP) Webpage, Social Media Campaigns and Newsletters

- Webpage containing key information to keep residents up to date.
- Social media campaigns to share information on upcoming meetings and events.
- Updates sent directly to inboxes sharing project milestones and staff contact information.
- Webpage launched on April 14<sup>th</sup>: water.phila.gov/projects/revitalization



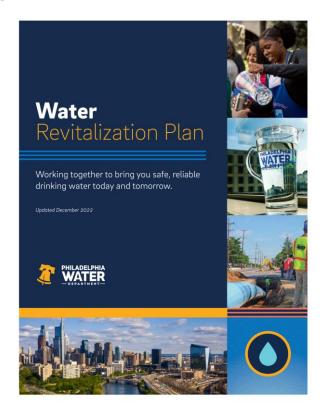


# Water Revitalization Plan Overview

#### **Water Revitalization Plan**

#### Building reliable infrastructure today for a resilient tomorrow

- This plan is the largest investment
   Philadelphia has made in our drinking water facilities in over a century.
- 25-year, multi-billion-dollar investment, to upgrade and expand Philadelphia's core drinking water infrastructure.
- Obtaining input and perspectives from our customers, ratepayers, and residents will provide key considerations to inform implementation.



**Water Revitalization Plan document** 

### **Aging Infrastructure**

Philadelphia is facing a challenge similar to other large cities across the country.

## Ours and other cities must address aged facilities that present issues of:

- Potential reliability risks
- Increased need for emergency repairs
- Related risks of service interruptions and cost inefficiencies

400

projects will **update**, **expand**, and **improve redundancy** for:

- Water treatment plants
- Pumping and storage systems

#### Water Revitalization Plan Process

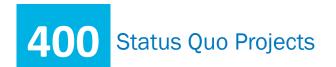
#### Overview

#### **Planning Process**



#### **Plan Recommendations**









#### **Our Goals**

We used these criteria to evaluate each solution and help us identify potential risks.

#### Water quality

Achieve present and future regulatory requirements

#### **Capital availability**

Manage financial resources to make necessary investments in the water system while keeping rates affordable

#### Service pressure

Provide reliable water pressure for system operation

#### **Operability**

Ensure system-wide resiliency for a range of emergency conditions

#### Water quantity

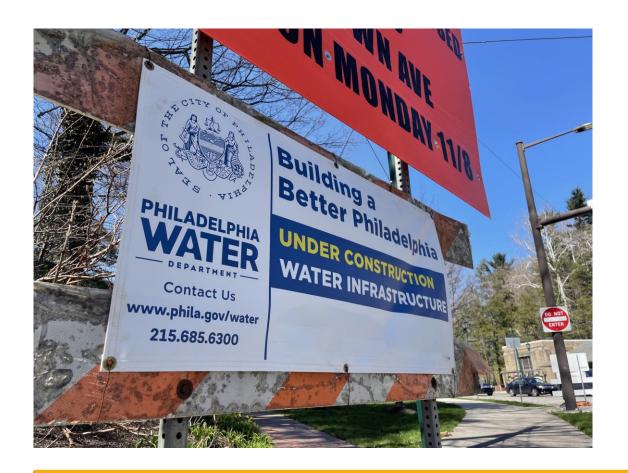
Provide long-term water supply to the service area

#### **Public inclusion**

Engage customers throughout the process

## **Benefits to City Residents**

- An investment for current and future generations
- A commitment to health and safety
- Clean water from your tap when you need it
- Working with Philadelphians
- Best practices for construction
- A solid investment
- Taking your dollar further
- Open lines of communication



## **Key Plan Projects**

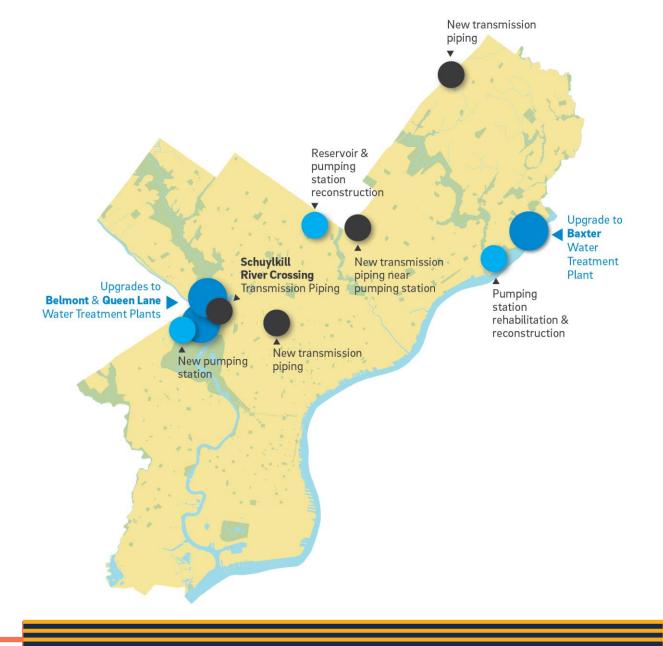
The Water Revitalization Plan identified approximately 400 projects focused on the improvement of existing facilities and construction of several new facilities.

#### LEGEND









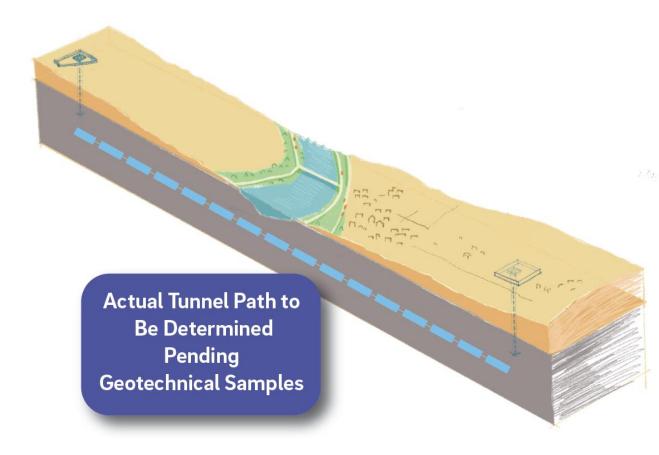
## **Launching the Plan**

A phased long-term approach



## Schuylkill River Crossing (SRX) Project

- SRX is a large-scale tunnel project, the first of the WRP, that will connect two of our City's drinking water plants to ensure that Philadelphia's current residents and future generations maintain access to safe, reliable drinking water.
- A tunnel will be constructed through rock over 100 feet (on average) below ground.
- Construction is estimated to begin in early 2026.
- In the meantime, PWD will provide timeline updates to all nearby residents and communities.





## Questions?

Water Revitalization Plan landing page: water.phila.gov/projects/revitalization/

Email support: WRPsupport@phila.gov