

FY 2022 & FY 2023 Biennial Budget and FY 2022 Schedule of Charges

February 17, 2021

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Annually, in January, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) presents a proposed biennial budget and related schedule of charges for the upcoming fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2021. In addition, public hearings on the proposed budget and charges are scheduled for February each year. This year, the Public Hearings for the proposed FY 2022 and FY 2023 Biennial Budget and FY 2022 Water and Sewerage Service Charges are scheduled for the Board of Directors meeting at **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.** To avoid the risk of infection associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's meeting will be held via **Zoom. The public call-in number is 877-853-5247 (US Toll-Free) or 888-788-0099 (US Toll-Free). The meeting ID is 896 0276 4695. If you require accommodation due to a disability, please contact <u>CEO@glwater.org</u> or (844) 455-GLWA (4592) not less than 72 hours prior to the date of the meeting. Additional information regarding this telephonic meeting can be found in the Public Hearing Notices contained within this document.**

This hearing will provide GLWA an opportunity to present the Authority's budget which encompasses the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), estimated sales volume and other factors that serve as the basis for the proposed revenue requirements and schedule of charges for FY 2022. This hearing also provides an opportunity for the public and our member partners to comment or submit questions in writing related to the proposed charges. All comments or questions raised during the hearing will receive a written response. Please note that the proposed budget and charges are subject to change after the public hearing and subsequent deliberation by the GLWA Board.

Our primary objective continues to be one of providing our member partners with wholesale water and wastewater services of unquestionable quality at fair and equitable charges. GLWA is committed to exceeding our member partners' expectations in the region. GLWA would like to remind our valued member partners of added services that we provide at no additional cost.

- ✓ Extensive training and development opportunities for your team members through the One Water Institute (OWI)
- ✓ Expanded local system water testing to meet new Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) for all member partners.
- ✓ Public Communication materials related to the state of Michigan's new Lead and Copper Rule, educating the public about the perils of "flushable" wipes, and providing easy-to digest graphics regarding a range of emerging contaminants. These materials can be found at <u>https://www.glwater.org/members/member-partner-resources/</u>
- ✓ Community access videos designed to inform local elected officials, staff, and residents on GLWA's budget and service charges.

Introduction to GLWA Charges and Community Rates - <u>http://bit.ly/2Eg4I6J</u> The ABC's of Water Charges - <u>http://bit.ly/2DFWnIh</u>

From Budgets to Customer Sewer and Water Charges - <u>http://bit.ly/2DCDkyy</u>



Comments or questions may be submitted in the following manner:

<u>By E-Mail</u>: You may provide written comments to the Board by emailing those comments to <u>CEO@glwater.org</u> on or before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The opportunity to submit written comments by e-mail may remain open throughout the duration of the Public Hearing.

- For comments or questions regarding the proposed budget: You should reference "February 24, 2021 Public Hearing on proposed FY 2022 and FY 2023 biennial budget" in the subject line of the e-mail.
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<u>By U.S. Mail</u>: You may provide written comments by United States mail addressed to Sue F. McCormick, Chief Executive Officer, Great Lakes Water Authority, 735 Randolph Detroit, Michigan, 48226. The opportunity to submit written comments by U.S. mail may remain open throughout the duration of the Public Hearing.

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GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BIENNIAL BUDGET For the Two-Year Period ended June 30, 2023 (FY 2022 and FY 2023)

Notice is hereby given that the Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2022 and FY 2023 biennial budget.

- DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
- TIME: 2:00 p.m.
- PLACE: Zoom Telephonic Meeting Public Call-In Number: 877 853 5247 US Toll-Free or 888 788 0099 US Toll-Free

Meeting ID: 896 0276 4695

The proposed biennial budget is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2021.

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Schedule 1A – Water System Revenue Requirements Budget

	Currer	nt Year	Biennial Budget					
	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2023
Water System Revenue Requirements	Adopted	Estimated	Requested	\$ Change	% Change	Requested	\$ Change	% Change
Revenues								
Revenues from Charges	\$336,807,600	\$335,060,200	\$344,206,000	\$ 7,398,400	2.2%	\$354,734,800	\$ 10,528,800	3.1%
Other Operating Revenue	-	175,000	175,000	175,000	0.0%	175,000	-	0.0%
Non-Operating Revenue	4,834,400	1,276,500	1,046,000	(3,788,400)	-78.4%	1,048,400	2,400	0.2%
Total Revenues	341,642,000	336,511,700	345,427,000	3,785,000	1.1%	355,958,200	10,531,200	3.0%
Revenue Requirements								
Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Expense	\$137,127,300	\$134,127,300	\$145,333,800	\$8,206,500	6.0%	\$149,545,300	\$4,211,500	2.9%
General Retirement System Legacy Pension	6,048,000	6,048,000	6,048,000	-	0.0%	6,048,000	-	0.0%
Debt Service	143,189,900	137,436,100	135,481,000	(7,708,900)	-5.4%	146,520,400	11,039,400	8.1%
General Retirement System Accelerated Pension	6,268,300	6,268,300	6,268,300	-	0.0%	6,268,300	-	0.0%
Water Residential Assistance Program Contribution	1,669,400	1,669,400	1,702,000	32,600	2.0%	1,779,800	77,800	4.6%
Lease Payment	22,500,000	22,500,000	22,500,000	-	0.0%	22,500,000	-	0.0%
Operating Reserve Deposit	876,600	-	-	(876,600)	-100.0%	-	-	0.0%
Improvement & Extension Fund Transfer Pending	23,962,500	28,462,600	28,093,900	4,131,400	17.2%	23,296,400	(4,797,500)	-17.1%
Annual Water System Revenue Requirements	\$341,642,000	\$336,511,700	\$345,427,000	\$ 3,785,000	1.1%	\$355,958,200	\$ 10,531,200	3.0%

Note: Revenues from Charges for FY 2022 above is comprised of the following Regional System Wholesale Revenues – Suburban Wholesale Customers \$322,391,400 Regional System Wholesale Revenues – Detroit Customers 21,814,600 Total Revenues from Charges <u>\$344,206,000</u>

	Currer	nt Year	Biennial Budget					
	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2023
Sewer System Revenue Requirements	Adopted	Estimated	Requested	\$ Change	% Change	Requested	\$ Change	% Change
Revenues								
Revenues from Charges	\$481,162,100	\$475,904,100	\$475,805,700	\$ (5,356,400)	-1.1%	\$489,928,000	\$ 14,122,300	3.0%
Other Operating Revenue	-	400,000	400,000	400,000	0.0%	400,000	-	0.0%
Non-Operating Revenue	5,589,200	1,046,100	1,010,800	(4,578,400)	-81.9%	1,201,800	191,000	18.9%
Total Revenues	486,751,300	477,350,200	477,216,500	(9,534,800)	-2.0%	491,529,800	14,313,300	3.0%
Revenue Requirements								
Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Expense	\$184,946,100	\$182,296,000	\$183,099,800	\$ (1,846,300)	-1.0%	\$185,619,000	\$2,519,200	1.4%
General Retirement System Legacy Pension	10,824,000	10,824,000	10,824,000	-	0.0%	10,824,000	-	0.0%
Debt Service	209,739,900	201,780,500	207,209,500	(2,530,400)	-1.2%	204,566,500	(2,643,000)	-1.3%
General Retirement System Accelerated Pension	11,620,700	11,620,700	11,620,700	-	0.0%	11,620,700	-	0.0%
Water Residential Assistance Program Contribution	2,415,100	2,415,100	2,345,600	(69,500)	-2.9%	2,457,600	112,000	4.8%
Lease Payment	27,500,000	27,500,000	27,500,000	-	0.0%	27,500,000	-	0.0%
Operating Reserve Deposit	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
Improvement & Extension Fund Transfer Pending	39,705,500	40,913,900	34,616,900	(5,088,600)	-12.8%	48,942,000	14,325,100	41.4%
Annual Sewer System Revenue Requirements	\$486,751,300	\$477,350,200	\$477,216,500	\$ (9,534,800)	-2.0%	\$491,529,800	\$ 14,313,300	3.0%

Note: Revenues from Charges for FY 2022 above is comprised of the following

Regional System Wholesale Revenues – Suburban Wholesale Customers\$286,424,400Regional System Wholesale Revenues – Detroit Customers189,381,300Total Revenues from Charges\$475,805,700

Schedule 1C – Combined Water and Sewer System Revenue Requirements Budget

		nt Year	Biennial Budget					
	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2023
Combined System Revenue Requirements	Adopted	Amended	Requested	\$ Change	% Change	Requested	\$ Change	% Change
Revenues								
Revenues from Charges	\$817,969,700	\$810,964,300	\$820,011,700	\$ 2,042,000	0.2%	\$844,662,800	\$ 24,651,100	3.0%
Other Operating Revenue	-	575,000	575,000	575,000	0.0%	575,000	-	0.0%
Non-Operating Revenue	10,423,600	2,322,600	2,056,800	(8,366,800)	-80.3%	2,250,200	193,400	9.4%
Total Revenues	828,393,300	813,861,900	822,643,500	(5,749,800)	-0.7%	847,488,000	24,844,500	3.0%
Revenue Requirements								
Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Expense	\$322,073,400	\$316,423,300	\$328,433,600	\$6,360,200	2.0%	\$335,164,300	\$6,730,700	2.0%
General Retirement System Legacy Pension	16,872,000	16,872,000	16,872,000	-	0.0%	16,872,000	-	0.0%
Debt Service	352,929,800	339,216,600	342,690,500	(10,239,300)	-2.9%	351,086,900	8,396,400	2.5%
General Retirement System Accelerated Pension	17,889,000	17,889,000	17,889,000	-	0.0%	17,889,000	-	0.0%
Water Residential Assistance Program Contribution	4,084,500	4,084,500	4,047,600	(36,900)	-0.9%	4,237,400	189,800	4.7%
Lease Payment	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	-	0.0%	50,000,000	-	0.0%
Operating Reserve Deposit	876,600	-	-	(876,600)	-100.0%	-	-	0.0%
Improvement & Extension Fund Transfer Pending	63,668,000	69,376,500	62,710,800	(957,200)	-1.5%	72,238,400	9,527,600	15.2%
Annual Revenue Requirements	\$828,393,300	\$813,861,900	\$822,643,500	\$ (5,749,800)	-0.7%	\$847,488,000	\$ 24,844,500	3.0%

The following schedule has not been included for purposes of this presentation.

Schedule 3 – Sources of Revenues and Use of Revenues – Flow of Funds Basis Consistent with the Master Bond Ordinance

Schedule 4 – Debt Service Coverage Calculations Consistent with the Master Bond Ordinance

		FY 2022	FY 2022	22 Combined nformational	FY 2023	FY 2023	23 Combined
	Funds Basis	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Only)	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Only)
Revenu							
1	Regional System Wholesale Revenues	\$ 344,206,000	\$ 475,805,700	\$ 820,011,700	\$ 354,566,000		\$ 844,497,100
2	Local System Revenues	73,147,000	103,965,600	177,112,600	74,467,000	100,865,100	175,332,100
3	Miscellaneous Revenue (Local System)	6,428,400	6,810,800	13,239,200	6,436,500	6,819,200	13,255,700
4	Other Revenue (Regional System)	1,221,000	1,410,800	2,631,800	 1,223,900	1,601,900	2,825,800
5	Total Revenues	\$ 425,002,400	\$ 587,992,900	\$ 1,012,995,300	\$ 436,693,400	\$ 599,217,300	\$ 1,035,910,700
Revenu	e Requirements						
Operati	ons & Maintenance Expense						
6	Regional System Wholesale Expenses	\$ 145,333,800	\$ 183,099,800	\$ 328,433,600	\$ 149,545,300	\$ 185,619,000	\$ 335,164,300
7	Local System Expenses	34,648,600	69,233,000	103,881,600	35,721,600	71,388,100	107,109,700
8	GRS Pension allocable to Regional System	6,048,000	10,824,000	16,872,000	6,048,000	10,824,000	16,872,000
9	GRS Pension allocable to Local System	4,272,000	2,856,000	7,128,000	4,272,000	2,856,000	7,128,000
10	Total Operations & Maintenance Expense	190,302,400	266,012,800	456,315,200	 195,586,900	270,687,100	466,274,000
11	Net Revenues after Operations & Maintenance Expense	\$ 234,700,000	\$ 321,980,100	\$ 556,680,100	\$ 241,106,500	\$ 328,530,200	\$ 569,636,700
Debt Se	rvice by Lien						
12	Senior Lien Bonds	124,309,700	133,195,700	257,505,400	132,433,500	148,824,800	281,258,300
13	Second Lien Bonds	46,840,400	51,893,000	98,733,400	47,200,100	36,738,500	83,938,600
14	SRF Junior Lien Bonds	6,695,200	53,921,600	60,616,800	10,265,300	51,511,900	61,777,200
15	Total Debt Service	\$ 177,845,300	\$ 239,010,300	\$ 416,855,600	\$ 189,898,900	\$ 237,075,200	\$ 426,974,100
Debt Se	Debt Service Coverage						
	Senior Lien Bonds (11)/(12)	1.89	2.42		1.82	2.21	
16	Second Lien Bonds (11) / [(12)+(13)]	1.37	1.74		1.34	1.77	
17	SRF Junior Lien Bonds (11) / (15)	1.32	1.35	 	 1.27	1.39	

Local System information provided from Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) as of February 17, 2021

Schedule 5A – Water Capital Financing Plan

Water Improvement & Extension Fund

	Current Year	Biennia	l Budget
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Inflows & Outflows	Estimated	Requested	Forecast
Water Improvement & Extension Fund			
Water System Revenue Transfers	\$28,462,600	\$28,093,900	\$23,296,400
Receipt of DWSD Shortfall Loan Interest	-	-	-
Budgeted Capital Outlay	(17,892,000)	(17,006,600)	(14,078,600)
Minimum Transfer to Construction Fund	(11,455,900)	(13,658,100)	(15,055,100)
Additional Transfer to Construction Fund	(35,333,200)	(94,649,900)	(42,209,200)
Increase (Decrease) in I&E Reserves	(\$36,218,500)	(\$97,220,700)	(\$48,046,500)
Beginning Year Net Position	288,752,600	252,534,100	155,313,400
Projected Ending Net Position	\$252,534,100	\$155,313,400	\$107,266,900

Water Construction Fund

	Current Year	Biennial Budget		
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Inflows & Outflows	Estimated	Requested	Forecast	
Water Construction Fund				
Bond Proceeds, Net	\$0	\$0	\$192,700,000	
Bond Fund Earnings on Investments	62,600	-	202,300	
Grant Revenues (DWRF Loans)	45,397,000	26,100,000	16,600,000	
Transfers from I&E Fund	46,789,100	108,308,000	57,264,300	
Project Expenditures	(113,055,000)	(134,408,000)	(150,535,000)	
Increase (Decrease) in Construction Funds	(\$20,806,300)	\$0	\$116,231,600	
Beginning Year Net Position	20,806,300	-	-	
Projected Ending Net Position	\$0	\$0	\$116,231,600	

Schedule 5B – Sewer Capital Financing Plan

Sewer Improvement & Extension Fund

	Current Year	Biennial	Budget
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Inflows & Outflows	Estimated	Requested	Forecast
Sewer Improvement & Extension Fund			
Sewer System Revenue Transfers	\$40,913,900	\$34,616,900	\$48,942,000
Receipt of DWSD Shortfall Loan Interest	1,081,900	406,400	-
Budgeted Capital Outlay	(20,521,300)	(15,965,100)	(18,211,900)
Minimum Transfer to Construction Fund	(9,581,400)	(7,931,300)	(9,145,600)
Additional Transfer to Construction Fund	(39,255,700)	(39,614,700)	(27,213,400)
Increase (Decrease) in I&E Reserves	(\$27,362,600)	(\$28,487,800)	(\$5,628,900)
Beginning Year Net Position (a)	153,727,100	126,364,500	97,876,700
Projected Ending Net Position	\$126,364,500	\$97,876,700	\$92,247,800

(a) Net Position includes DWSD Loan Receivable

Sewer Construction Fund

	Current Year	Biennial Budget		
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Inflows & Outflows	Estimated	Requested	Forecast	
Sewer Construction Fund				
Bond Proceeds, Net	\$0	\$0	\$122,200,000	
Bond Fund Earnings on Investments	69,800	-	128,300	
Grant Revenues (CWRF Loans)	23,586,000	31,992,000	4,122,000	
Transfers from I&E Fund	48,837,100	47,546,000	36,359,000	
Project Expenditures	(95,804,000)	(79,538,000)	(92,393,000)	
Increase (Decrease) in Construction Funds	(\$23,311,100)	\$0	\$70,416,300	
Beginning Year Net Position	23,311,100	-	-	
Projected Ending Net Position	\$0	\$0	\$70,416,300	



The GLWA "revenue requirement budget" is the basis for establishing the annual charges for services. Nearly 52.5% of the FY 2022 budget of \$823 million are legal commitments such as debt service (42%), lease payment (6%), Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) (0.5%) and legacy liabilities (4%). Capital funding reserve for replacement is 7.5% of the total budget. The Operations & Maintenance (O&M) expense represents \$328 million, or 40%, of the total requirement and is the focus of this One Pager. O&M represents an increase of \$6.4 million, or 2.0%, over FY 2021. In subsequent years, the budgeted increase is 2.0%. Highlights for the upcoming year include:

Water Operations – increase of \$2.9 million <u>Factors increasing</u> the budget include Personnel Costs (\$0.9 million) due to the addition of eight positions with the largest number being in the job classification of apprenticeship as well as increases in medical plan fringe benefits; Chemicals (\$1.6 million) due to increased pricing since the last 3year contract renewal; and Utilities (\$0.5 million) based on historical trends.

Wastewater Operations – decrease \$2.1 million <u>Factors increasing</u> the budget include Personnel Costs (\$1.4 million) due to the addition of five positions in the apprenticeship program to support workforce development as well as increased medical benefit costs; Chemicals for water treatment was (\$1.0 million) based on expected pricing increase as contacts are renewed; and, Supplies & Other (\$1.7 million) for equipment and facilities maintenance.

<u>Factors decreasing</u> the budget include Utilities for Gas & Water (\$1.4 million) due to operational changes and equipment maintenance; decreased need for Unallocated reserve (\$2.0 million) due to stabilizing efforts in operations; decreased reliance on contractors (\$2.8 million) for skilled labor positions (focusing on direct hire) as well as the GLWA team assuming responsibility for an instrumentation maintenance contract thereby allowing the contract to be eliminated.

Centralized Services¹ – **increase \$2.5 million** <u>Factors increasing</u> the budget include Information Technology (\$2.6 million) which includes a loss of \$1.4 million in shared service reimbursements as well as \$1.2 million increase for the investment in ERP subscription services and 4 FTEs to manage increasing technology needs. Facility Operations (\$1.1 million) for contractual services which fluctuate depending on equipment repair needs.

<u>Factors decreasing</u> the budget include reducing the Unallocated Reserve (\$0.8 million) for all centralized services in total. The Planning Services Area decreased both their total staffing plan and FTEs to realign with future priorities (\$0.4 million).

Administrative Services² – increase \$3.1 million Factors increasing are Personnel Costs (\$1.6 million) in Financial Services with 7.75 FTEs for the Business Inclusion and Diversity (B.I.D.) program, expanded WRAP oversight, and expanded needs for a contract management team. The Administration & Compliance Officer Area is adding three positions to support organizational wellness and legal services; Supplies & Other (\$0.4 million) for the new warehouse; Contractual Services (\$1.0 million) for the projected increase in business insurance rates.

Staffing & Personnel – The staffing plan (number of positions) is at 1,240, an increase of 21 and full-time equivalents (FTEs) at 1,218.75, an increase of 19.25.

Questions? Contact the Office of the Chief Financial Officer at <u>cfo@glwater.org</u>

¹ Includes the Planning Services, Systems Operations Control; Facility and Fleet Operations; Field Service Operations; Energy, Research & Innovation; Information Technology; and Security & Integrity/HazMat.

² Includes the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Administrative & Compliance Officer, Risk Management & Safety, General Counsel, Public Affairs, Organizational Development, and Financial Services



GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FY 2022 WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICE CHARGES

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	888 788 0099 US Toll-Free
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Members of the public may offer comment in the following manner:

<u>By Telephone</u>: Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting and/or offer public comment by telephone should call in at the number indicated above, press *9 on their keypad to "raise their hand for public comment." During other portions of the meeting, members of the public are asked to mute their line by pressing *6 on their keypad to mute or unmute their line.

<u>By E-Mail</u>: Members of the public may provide written comments to the Board by emailing those comments to CEO@glwater.org on or before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and should reference "February 24, 2021 Public Hearing on service charges proposed for Fiscal Year 2022" in the subject line of the e-mail. The opportunity to submit written comments by e-mail may remain open throughout the duration of the Public Hearing.

By U.S. Mail: members of the public may provide written comments by United States mail addressed to:

Sue F. McCormick, Chief Executive Officer Great Lakes Water Authority 735 Randolph Detroit, Michigan, 48226

Written comments by U.S. mail should reference "February 24, 2021 Public Hearing on service charges proposed for Fiscal Year 2022" in the letter. The opportunity to submit written comments by U.S. mail may remain open throughout the duration of the Public Hearing.

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				Projected
				Revenue
		Fixed Monthly	Commodity	from Proposed
Line	a	<u>Charge (a)</u>	<u>Charge (a)</u>	<u>Charges</u>
<u>No.</u>	Customer	\$/mo	\$/Mcf	\$
1	Allen Park	126,800	7.85	2,536,600
2	Almont Village	12,600	10.63	252,200
3	Ash Township	44,000	8.31	880,300
4	Belleville	16,600	9.82	332,800
5	Berlin Township	38,500	11.59	770,300
6 7	Brownstown Township	191,300	11.12	3,824,600
8	Bruce Twp Bustebuille Turn	16,700	61.65	334,800
8 9	Burtchville Twp Canton Township	17,800 541,800	18.21 12.40	355,600 10,835,400
10	Center Line	24,600	6.34	493,000
10	Chesterfield Township	224,600	10.45	4,491,600
12	Clinton Township	400,300	7.95	8,008,200
13	Commerce Township	188,400	14.77	3,767,300
14	Dearborn	540,000	7.24	10,797,200
15	Dearborn Heights	194,000	7.86	3,879,600
16	Eastpointe	82,300	6.33	1,645,900
17	Ecorse	79,700	4.49	1,593,100
18	Farmington	53,200	9.55	1,064,300
19	Farmington Hills	467,300	10.60	9,345,200
20	Ferndale	54,300	6.22	1,085,800
21	Flat Rock	70,200	9.81	1,403,500
22	Flint (b)	566,400	9.47	11,330,100
23	Fraser	64,600	8.73	1,291,100
24	Garden City	88,400	8.74	1,767,900
25 26	Gibraltar Grosse Ile Township	17,600 58,100	8.63 12.11	351,900
26 27	Grosse Pt. Park	78,500	12.11	1,161,000 1,570,800
28	Grosse Pt. Shores	34,900	13.81	697,800
29	Grosse Pt. Woods	67,900	7.52	1,357,700
30	Hamtramck	42,300	5.45	846,600
31	Harper Woods	42,600	7.16	852,000
32	Harrison Township	85,300	7.24	1,707,100
33	Hazel Park	39,000	6.16	779,100
34	Highland Park	61,300	4.64	1,227,100
35	Huron Township	77,800	10.33	1,556,500
36	Imlay City	77,500	13.54	1,548,800
37	Imlay Twp	800	43.13	16,500
38	Inkster	65,300	5.59	1,306,800
39	Keego Harbor	15,800	12.74	315,700
40	Lapeer	80,900	12.42	1,617,900
41	Lenox Township	15,700	8.41	313,700
42 43	Lincoln Park Livonia	121,400 609,300	6.06 10.15	2,427,600 12,186,600
43 44	Macomb Township	671,600	16.29	13,431,600
45	Madison Heights	98,300	7.38	1,966,300
46	Mayfield Twp	2,500	24.81	49,600
47	Melvindale	34,300	6.42	685,100
48	New Haven, Village of	22,200	6.99	444,600
49	NOCWA	1,172,300	10.44	23,441,700
50	Northville	40,800	10.50	815,100
51	Northville Township	300,300	17.06	6,005,600
52	Novi	477,900	13.08	9,559,400
53	Oak Park	74,000	6.10	1,479,700
54	Oakland Co. Drain Comm.	4,300	3.53	85,800
55	Plymouth	57,200	10.38	1,144,200
56	Plymouth Township	234,900	11.61	4,698,500
57	Redford Township	167,600	8.35	3,352,600
58 59	River Rouge	36,000	7.61	720,400
59 60	Riverview Rockwood	47,100 14,700	7.75 11.90	941,100 294,200
61	Romeo	13,600	18.10	294,200 271,800
01	Nomeo	13,000	10.10	271,000

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Line		Fixed Monthly <u>Charge (a)</u>	Commodity <u>Charge (a)</u>	Projected Revenue from Proposed <u>Charges</u>
<u>No.</u>	Customer	\$/mo	\$/Mcf	\$
62	Romulus	225,000	8.24	4,500,400
63	Roseville	142,700	6.01	2,853,700
64	Royal Oak Township	10,500	7.60	209,600
65	S O C W A	1,219,700	7.78	24,398,700
66	Shelby Township	753,700	14.92	15,073,600
67	South Rockwood	6,100	10.26	121,400
68	Southgate	116,700	8.15	2,333,600
69	St. Clair County-Greenwood Township	49,600	19.23	991,300
70	St. Clair Shores	162,300	6.83	3,246,700
71	Sterling Heights	807,300	11.18	16,148,500
72 72	Sumpter Township	35,800	9.67	714,900
73 74	Sylvan Lake	12,400	15.44	247,600
74 75	Taylor Trenton	245,600 89,400	7.48 8.21	4,911,400 1,788,800
75 76	Troy	724,700	12.24	14,492,000
77	Utica	30,100	9.77	602,500
78	Van Buren Township	184,400	11.14	3,687,700
79	Walled Lake	42,300	11.14	846,500
80	Warren	547,100	6.97	10,943,800
81	Washington Township	122,100	12.42	2,442,700
82	Wayne	169,300	13.01	3,385,900
83	West Bloomfield Township	552,900	16.58	11,058,300
84	Westland	328,700	8.01	6,572,500
85	Wixom	131,000	13.99	2,619,900
86	Woodhaven	88,400	12.27	1,768,800
87	Ypsilanti Comm Util Auth	549,900	9.06	10,995,600
88	Total Wholesale Contract Member Partners			330,271,300
89	Adjustment to Flint Revenue Requirement for KWA Debt Service			(6,652,800)
90	Adjustment for Highland Park Bad Debt			(1,227,100)
91	Revenue from Wholesale Charges			322,391,400
	Detroit Customer Class - \$			
92	Wholesale Revenue Requirement (c)			42,514,600
93	less: Ownership Benefit per Lease			(20,700,000)
94	Net Wholesale Revenue Requirement			21,814,600
95	Indirect Retail Revenue Requirements (d)			51,733,500
96	less: Use of Lease Payment for Debt Service			<u>(6,806,700)</u>
97	Net Indirect Retail Revenue Requirements (d)			44,926,800
98	Subtotal Subject to GLWA Board Approval (94) + (97)			66,741,400
99	Direct Retail Revenue Requirements (e)			34,648,600
100	Total Local System Revenue Requirement (97) + (99)			79,575,400
101	Total Requirement from Detroit Customer Class			101,390,000
102	Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Sample Testing Fee - \$/Sample			56.00
) Net fi	psed effective date of July 1, 2021. Effective on all bills issued on or after A xed monthly charge will include \$554,400 monthly credits for KWA debt			

(c) Wholesale revenue requirements for the Detroit Customer Class.

(d) Local System revenue requirements related to Master Bond Ordinance (local debt service, etc.)

(e) Local System operating expenses (net of shared services reimbursement) and I&E deposit. Not Subject to GLWA Board approval.

(d) & (e) Local System information provided from Detroit Water & Sewerage Department as of February 17, 2021

Great Lakes Water Authority Proposed FY 2022 Sewage Disposal System Service Charges and Allocated Revenue Requirements **Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2021**

		Fixed Monthly <u>Charge (a)</u>	Projected Revenue from Proposed <u>Charges</u>
	Cuburban Wholesele	\$/mo	\$
1	<u>Suburban Wholesale</u> OMID	5,875,500	70,506,000
2	Rouge Valley	4,622,400	55,468,800
3	Oakland GWK	3,842,300	46,107,600
4	Evergreen Farmington	2,988,900	35,866,800
5	SE Macomb San Dist	2,076,500	24,918,000
6	Dearborn	1,682,000	20,184,000
7	Grosse Pointe Farms	227,500	2,730,000
8	Grosse Pointe Park	157,900	1,894,800
9	Melvindale	130,000	1,560,000
10	Farmington	99,200	1,190,400
11	Center Line	86,100	1,033,200
12	Allen Park	70,100	841,200
13	Highland Park	447,800	5,373,600
14	Hamtramck	333,900	4,006,800
15	Grosse Pointe	74,500	894,000
16 17	Harper Woods	18,100	217,200
17 18	Redford Township Wayne County #3	22,300 4,300	267,600 51,600
		4,500	
19	Subtotal "Regional Wholesale Revenues from Charges"		273,111,600
20	Industrial Specific Revenues		13,312,800
21 22	Subtotal "Regional Wholesale Revenues from Charges" less: Highland Park Bad Debt		286,424,400 0
23	Total "Regional Wholesale Revenues" (a)		286,424,400
	* Wholesale charges will be effective July 1, 2020		
	Detroit Customer Class - \$		
24	<u>Wholesale</u> Revenue Requirement <i>(c)</i>		194,897,300
25	less: Ownership Benefit per Lease		<u>(5,516,000)</u>
26	Net Wholesale Revenue Requirement		189,381,300
27	Indirect Retail Revenue Requirements (d)		39,226,700
28	less: Use of Lease Payment for Debt Service		<u>0</u>
29	Net Indirect Retail Revenue Requirements (d)		39,226,700
30	Subtotal Subject to GLWA Board Approval (26) + (29)		228,608,000
31	Direct Retail Revenue Requirements (e)		71,549,700
32	Total Local System Revenue Requirement (29) + (31)		110,776,400
33	Total Requirement from Detroit Customer Class (a)		300,157,700
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(b) Reserved

(c) Wholesale revenue requirements for the Detroit Customer Class.

(d) Local System revenue requirements related to Master Bond Ordinance (local debt service, etc.)

(e) Local System operating expenses (net of shared services reimbursement) and I&E deposit. Not Subject to GLWA Board approval.

(d) & (e) Local System information provided from Detroit Water & Sewerage Department as of February 17, 2021

Great Lakes Water Authority Proposed FY 2022 Sewage Disposal System Industrial Specific Retail Charges **Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2021**

Pollutant Surcharges		Charges	Industrial Waste Control Charges			
<u>Charge</u>	Pollutant	Admin Only Chg	<u>Full Charge</u>	<u> Meter Size - inches</u>		
\$/lb		\$/mo	\$/mo			
	BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND (BOD)	0.89	3.57	5/8		
0.3	for concentrations > 275 mg/l	1.34	5.36	3/4		
		2.23	8.93	1		
		4.91	19.64	1-1/2		
	TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS (TSS)	7.14	28.56	2		
0.4	for concentrations > 350 mg/l	12.94	51.77	3		
		17.85	71.40	4		
		26.78	107.10	6		
	PHOSPHORUS (P)	44.63	178.50	8		
6.4	for concentrations > 12 mg/l	62.48	249.90	10		
		71.40	285.60	12		
		89.25	357.00	14		
	FATS, OIL AND GREASE (FOG)	107.10	428.40	16		
0.1	for concentrations > 100 mg/l	124.95	499.80	18		
		142.80	571.20	20		
		160.65	642.60	24		
	SEPTAGE DISPOSAL FEE	178.50	714.00	30		
36.	Per 500 gallons of disposal	196.35	785.40	36		
		214.20	856.80	48		



FY 2022 Service Charges Highlights

On February 24, 2021, the GLWA Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing for the proposed schedule of charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. The Board deliberation and action will occur after receiving public input.

Charges are Based on Four Key Elements.

1) Budget: The costs for the daily operations and maintenance activities (such as the people, services, utilities, chemicals, and parts to operate plants and maintain the pipelines), the lease payment for the regional system, Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) funding, debt service, legacy pension, and capital project funding. The budget is also known as the "revenue requirement".

2) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): Annually the GLWA's engineers evaluate the physical improvement needs of the regional systems. Those needs are funded by a combination of cash on hand and debt.

3) Units of Service (UOS): Quantifies each community's service needs based on engineering studies, metering data, and other criteria. For the water system, this includes the amount of water purchased each year. For the sewer system, each member partner is assigned a percentage "share."

4) Cost of Service Study (COS): The inputs from the three sources above are applied to an agreed upon charges methodology to allocate the revenue requirement (i.e. budget) by functional categories (such as purification for the water system or sludge disposal for the sewer system) and then allocated to each customer. The outcome is the charge calculation for each member partner.

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Proposed FY 2022 Water System Charges

The average system charge adjustment for water is a 2.0 percent increase. This is the result of 1) a proposed Water budget increase of 1.2 percent; 2) reduced investment earnings, creating the need for a one percent increase; and 3) an offset of 0.2 percent from increased estimated sales volumes. As a result of the 2019 Contract Alignment Process (CAP), the FY 2022 Units of Service changed for only 10 member partners. This has significantly improved charge stability among member partner communities. The proposed water charges reflect a uniform increase in common to all revenue requirements of 2.58 percent, with an average charge increase of 2.4 percent for the 78 member partners that did not have changes in contractual demand.

Proposed FY 2022 Sewer System Charges

The recently updated Sewer Shares, which were collaboratively established through the Sewer Charges Workgroup, were included in the calculations for all member partners for the proposed FY 2022 charges. The average wholesale sewer charges reflect no change from the existing charges, with the entire system charge adjustment being at 0.2 percent decrease. This outcome is the result of a proposed FY 2022 Sewer budget decrease of 2.0 percent which was offset by 1) the loss of a one-time revenue source in the prior year and 2) reduced investment earnings.

Average System Charge Adjustments

Year	Water	Sewer
2018	1.8%	-0.7%
2019	1.8%	0.1%
2020	0.6%	0.8%
2021	3.2%	2.0%
2022	2.0%	-0.2%
Five Year Average	1.9%	0.7%