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## **DNR Seeking Public Comment For Environmental Review Of City Of Ashland Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Projects**

**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced it is seeking public comment on the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program's environmental review determination of the City of Ashland projects.

The projects include the replacement of a lead service lines throughout the City of Ashland and the replacement of watermain on Stunz Avenue, Saint Clare Avenue, Prentice Avenue and State Highway 13 to improve its public drinking water system.

Activities related to these projects are minor actions under chapter NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, for which no environmental analysis is required; an environmental review must be conducted under [40 CFR 35.3580](#) before funding these projects.

The City of Ashland submitted with its financial assistance application the information and materials required to conduct a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-like environmental review of the potential environmental impacts of the projects and related activities.

The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program has determined that the projects will not result in significant adverse environmental effects, and no further environmental review or analysis is needed before proceeding with funding the projects.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding this decision and the potential environmental impacts of these projects. Submit comments by July 22, 2025, to:

[DNRCFELEnvironmentalReview@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRCFELEnvironmentalReview@wisconsin.gov)

Based on the comments received, the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the funding process. The analysis would summarize the DNR's consideration of the projects' impacts and reasonable alternatives.

Learn more about the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program environmental review process [on the DNR's website](#).