



Investment in Water & Wastewater Infrastructure

Water and Wastewater services are a fundamental government service provided to residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers.

The needs of an aging utility system outpace the revenue available through current rates. New construction and economic development help to provide additional revenue to our system. However, these new revenues are not adequate to fund the backlog of capital projects.

Additionally, as a responsible utility provider, priority is given to the safety and services for our customers and the environment. The Town has completed a five-year plan for capital investment to plan for our future water and wastewater infrastructure.

Project descriptions and the approved rate increase for 2013/2014 are included for your information.



24-inch wastewater interceptor along
Glade Creek



Total Investment and Bond Amount \$2,000,000

Town Council approved an 8.7% Rate increase effective July 1, 2013 to fund projects

On June 4, 2013, Town Council approved a water and wastewater rate increase of 8.7% to directly fund projects and equipment. No general tax revenues (i.e. real estate, personal property, sales, or meals taxes) are used to fund water and wastewater services and projects. Vinton's rates continue to be competitive and lower than all neighboring localities.

A full copy of the 5-year capital project study and how the Town compares to other localities can be found at [www.vintonva.gov/Budget Highlights/Cost of Services Study](http://www.vintonva.gov/Budget_Highlights/Cost_of_Services_Study).

Major Capital Projects for the first year of the plan are included in this brochure.

Questions or concerns regarding water quality or wastewater issues contact: Public Works at 540-983-0646

Questions or concerns regarding billing contact: Treasurer/Finance Office at 540-983-0608.

Capital projects for 2013 /1014

Western Virginia Water Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements: \$939,785 Started Spring 2013

Town share is 5.5% of total project. Improvements relate to disinfection (\$17 million total) regional partnership project.

Glade/Tinker Wastewater Interceptor Line Improvements: \$500,000 Completed Spring 2013

Replaced 1200-feet of sewer line with 24-inch pipe along creek between Virginia Ave, Walnut Ave. and Norfolk Southern Railroad.

This project reduced overflows directly into the creek and reduces the risk of a consent order by the VA Dept. of Environmental Quality.

Replacement of Water Lines in Cleveland/Jefferson/Jackson Ave. Neighborhood: Phases 1 and 2: \$348,000 Spring/ Summer 2014

Installation of approx. 4,000 feet of new water line with meters and fire hydrants. Replaces 80-100-year old water lines and significantly improves water supply for fire coverage in this neighborhood.

Equipment Replacement: \$181,000 Winter 2013
Replaces one backhoe and four pick up trucks for utility teams.