



GLWA: Legislative Outlook and Political Update

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Bi-Annual Washington, DC Visits

Congressional meetings
Executive Agency Meetings
Governor's DC Office



Arrange Site Visits for Legislators

Stevens
Thanedar
James
Army Corps of Engineers



Track legislation, regulation, and funding opportunities



Participate in trade associations

AMWA
AWWA

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Appropriations

- Submitted eight project requests to Senate and House members
- Seven projects are pending approval of final FY 25 Appropriations bills (nearly \$8 million)

Project	House	Senate	House \$	Senate \$
Oakwood	Thanedar	Stabenow, Peters	\$1,105,800	\$2,000,000
Freud & Conners Creek	Thanedar	Stabenow, Peters	\$1,105,800	\$1,000,000
Downriver Loop	Thanedar		\$1,105,800	
7 Mile Sewer	Thanedar		\$1,105,800	
Fox Creek Enclosure	Thanedar		\$1,105,800	
24 Mile Rd 36" Water Main	James		\$1,000,000	
96" Water Main	James		\$1,000,000	

- \$600,000 pending for Year 2 of Army Corps of Engineers flood study

2024 Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization

- Submitted five project requests to Rep. Tlaib (nearly \$50 million).
- All five are covered under a new Section 219 “Environmental Infrastructure” authorization created for “Southeast Michigan for \$58 million.
- House passed the final 2024 WRDA bill on December 10. Senate vote is imminent.
- Project funding is subject to annual appropriations.

MI12-000565	Baby Creek Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Facility Influent Flushing System	Michigan Combined Sewer Overflows, MI Section 219(f)(157), WRDA 1992	\$737,000
MI12-000567	Diversion Weir to Support DWSD Green Infrastructure Project, Detroit, Michigan	Michigan Combined Sewer Overflows, MI Section 219(f)(157), WRDA 1992	\$1,430,000
MI12-000569	In-System Storage Device Rehabilitation and Replacement, Detroit, Michigan	Michigan Combined Sewer Overflows, MI Section 219(f)(157), WRDA 1992	\$13,444,333
MI12-000566	Oakwood District Intercommunity Relief Sewer (ODIRS), Detroit, Michigan	Michigan Combined Sewer Overflows, MI Section 219(f)(157), WRDA 1992	\$20,944,333
MI12-000570	System-Wide Level Sensor Upgrade	Michigan Combined Sewer Overflows, MI Section 219(f)(157), WRDA 1992	\$13,444,333
TOTAL			\$49,999,999

Legislative and Regulatory Outlook for 119th Congress

Water Assistance Funding in question

Expiration of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding (2026)

- Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant options

Reversal of Lead and Copper Rule

PFAS

- New regulations on drinking water levels, CERCLA hazardous substance designation
- Possible legislation to create statutes on PFAS policies

State Government Relations

Outcome of November Elections

- Republicans take control of State House
 - Ending the Dem trifecta in January
- Changes in legislative representation across the GLWA footprint
 - **Rep-Elect Rylee Linting** replacing Rep. Jaime Churches (lost re-election)
 - **Rep-Elect Ron Robinson** replacing Rep. Nate Shannon (lost re-election)
 - **Rep-Elect Tonya Myers Phillips** replacing Rep. Abraham Aiyash (did not run for re-election)
 - **Rep-Elect Morgan Foreman** replacing Rep. Felicia Brabec (did not run for re-election)

2025 – 2026 Political Outlook

- Changes in House Leadership
 - Republicans: Speaker-Elect Matt Hall and Majority Floor Leader Bryan Posthumus
 - Democrats: Minority Leader Ranjeev Puri and Minority Floor Leader John Fitzgerald
- New committee assignments in House
 - Possibly new committees
 - Will have all new chairs with Republicans
 - Member committee assignments could all change
 - Now changes on the Senate side

GLWA Priorities in Lame Duck

- FY 2025 Supplemental Funding (\$25M)
- GLWA Police Powers (HB 5906, HB 5907, HB 5908, and HB 5909)
 - Passed committee unanimously and full House near unanimous
 - Pending in Senate Local Government Committee
- Public Employer Health Benefit Contributions (HB 6058)
 - Passed committee on party line vote
 - Pending in full House

GLWA Priorities in Lame Duck (continued)

- Water Affordability (SBs 549 – 554 and HBs 5088 - 5092)
 - Both House and Senate packages expected to be discharged from committee today and voted out of each chamber
 - Final action expected next week
- Storm Water Utilities (SB 660)
 - Pending in full Senate

What to Expect Next Session? TBD

- Significant dynamic changes with Republicans controlling the State House
- Will learn more about the Governor's and House and Senate Leaders' priorities later this year and early next year
- New committee assignments will be important
- Will evaluate and strategize on opportunities as we have more of this information



Questions? Thank you!

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