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I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. As you have the opportunity to be outside and recreate I encourage you to ponder the amazing water resources that we have in the State of Michigan and also locally in Ann Arbor. As Michigan is surrounded by the largest supply of fresh water in the world, the Great Lakes, we should remind ourselves to be stewards of these incomparable resources. We should also take note that Michigan is in the midst of drought and during such conditions, city water customers should do their best to be prudent in water usage and practice conservation. See page two for conservation tips.

I would like to spend the rest of my letter explaining the importance of water infrastructure. The city's water treatment plant was built in 1938 and some portions of the original plant are still in service and are in need of replacement. As we plan for this capital expense, we will be engaging with our customers to gain input about the preferred path forward.

The first major milestone will be a City Council working session, Monday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. At this work session, city staff will present to City Council our initial work and road map to address the aging components of the city's water treatment plant. During the summer, we will provide more information about this work session, how to participate and where to view our presentation on the city's website. Look for more information in future Quality Water Matters newsletters.

Because this is a July/August summer issue, I look forward to connecting again in September. Enjoy your summer. Be well.
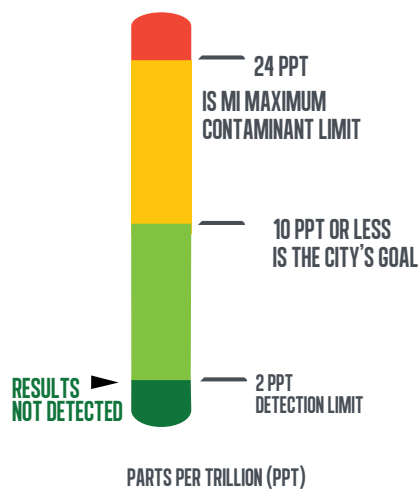
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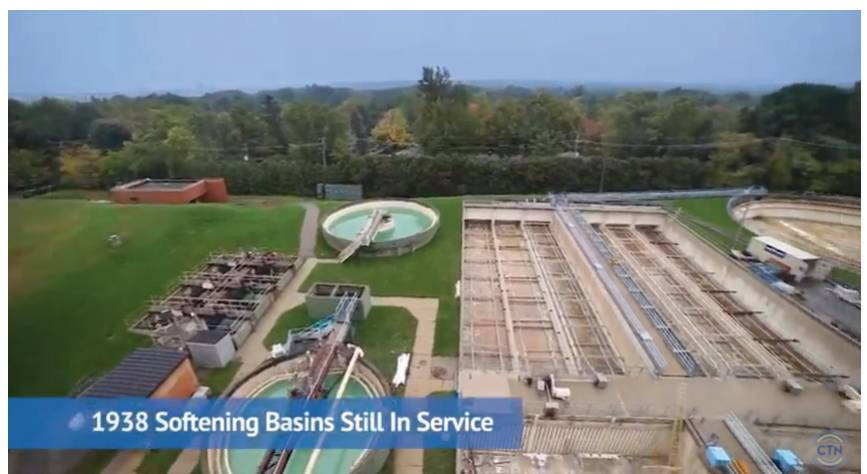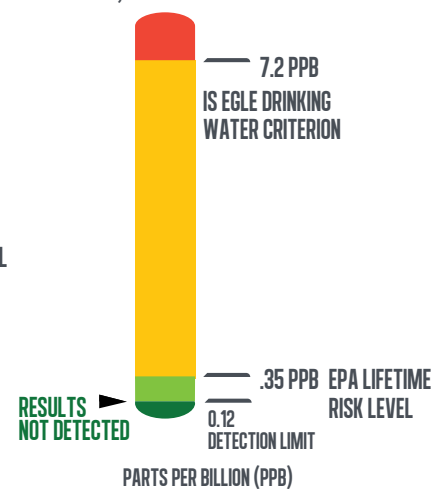Brian Steglitz, P.E., Drinking Water License F–1, Water Treatment Plant Manager

MONTHLY WATER QUALITY DASHBOARD

OUT OF COMPLIANCE — COMPLIANT — EXCEEDS COMPLIANCE

14,600 TESTS IN JUNE

PFOS/PFOA

- 24 PPT IS MI MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LIMIT
- 10 PPT OR LESS IS THE CITY'S GOAL
- 2 PPT DETECTION LIMIT

RESULTS NOT DETECTED

PARTS PER TRILLION (PPT)

1,4–DIOXANE

- 7.2 PPB IS EGLE DRINKING WATER CRITERION
- .35 PPB EPA LIFETIME RISK LEVEL
- 0.12 DETECTION LIMIT

RESULTS NOT DETECTED

PARTS PER BILLION (PPB)

1938 Softening Basins Still In Service

Check out our [YouTube video](#) on the importance of infrastructure reinvestment.

One Water Campaign

There is only One Water, and it is ours to protect. The water we drink, the water we enjoy, the water we flush...It's all one water.

The One Water concept emphasizes a holistic understanding and shared responsibility for our water systems. The people of Southeast Michigan share in the benefits of our location at the heart of the Great Lakes. We also share a responsibility for the quality of our lakes, rivers, and streams as well as our drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems.

Learn more about One Water and ways to protect this valuable resource at https://semcog.org/mionewater

Pick up pet waste

We all play a part in helping keep our water clean, even while walking the dog! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bj0KTYtfY4Y

Want to conserve water?

There are numerous ways you can easily conserve water this summer. Read the tips below to learn how.

In the bathroom
• Take shorter showers.

• Draw less water for baths, try only filling tub halfway.

• Don't use the toilet as a trash can: tissues, cotton balls, etc., should be thrown in the garbage, not flushed.

• Turn off water while brushing teeth.

• Fix a leaky faucet right away.
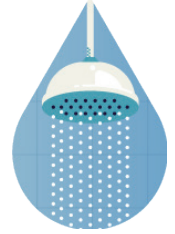
In the kitchen or laundry
• Only run the dishwasher for full loads.

• Don't let the faucet run to get a cold drink, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead.

Outdoors
• One inch of water every 10 days keeps lawns healthy and green. Water at cooler times like at night or early in the morning to prevent evaporation.

• Adjust water sprinklers so that they are reaching the garden and lawn rather than watering the driveway or sidewalk.

• Cut the grass at least 3 inches high to shade the roots, so that it will be more drought tolerant and won't need to be watered as often.

• When helping wash the car or your bicycle use a bucket and a hose with a nozzle so that water isn't running during soaping.

• Sweep the driveway and sidewalk with a broom rather than hosing it down.