



RESOLUTION: STIMULUS FOR A SUSTAINABLE [YOUR CITY / TOWN / UTILITY NAME]: IN SUPPORT OF INNOVATIVE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS FOR A RESILIENT POST-PANDEMIC ECONOMY

WHEREAS, local utilities and cities represent 95% of all spending on urban drinking, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure nationwide;

WHEREAS, local utilities and cities are hardest hit by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and are in urgent need of federal support to ensure continuation of vital water services for everyone;

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that any federal funding support provides local governments and water resource agencies with flexibility to use federal dollars to invest in the measures that make the most sense for their communities including affordable localized water infrastructure strategies;

WHEREAS, localized water infrastructure strategies, including green stormwater strategies, water use efficiency measures, watershed restoration, lead line replacements and more, supplement, extend and serve the same functions as more conventional, centralized infrastructure by providing water supply, treating drinking water, and effectively managing wastewater and stormwater;

WHEREAS, localized water infrastructure strategies are also often less expensive than conventional approaches keeping rates affordable, while building local resilience to disasters and ability to withstand shifts resulting from climate change;

WHEREAS, localized water infrastructure strategies provide lasting economic benefits, including near-term permanent local green jobs and local economic development;

WHEREAS, localized water management strategies help provide affordable and equitable access to clean water, and provide other co-benefits including improved public health, energy efficiency, improved air quality, reduced greenhouse gases, increased open space, increased property values and reduced crime;

WHEREAS, [Your City / Town / Utility Name] [Describe Your City / Town / Utility's localized water infrastructure programs, e.g., water use efficiency, conservation, onsite reuse, green stormwater infrastructure, and the local benefits created];



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [Your City / Town / Utility Name] calls on Congress to enable and encourage cities and water resource agencies to use federal funds to invest in sustainable, resilient localized water infrastructure strategies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal funding for public investments in water infrastructure including localized water management strategies be provided in the form of grants and zero-interest and principal-forgiveness loans as a key incentive for local leaders looking to adopt more innovative technologies and less conventional but highly effective water management strategies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal funding for public investments in localized water management strategies be available to fund subsidies, financial incentives and rebates for consumers, including private businesses, commercial, industrial and institutional enterprises, residences, and other public entities (such as local parks, schools, transportation agencies, etc.), which are the most effective localized water infrastructure implementation mechanisms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED [Your City / Town / Utility Name] calls on Congress to expand income tax exclusions to include homeowners who receive rebates from water utilities to purchase and install water conservation or stormwater management systems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that localized water infrastructure has enormous potential to not only sustainably manage our water resources now and for future generations, but to also foster long-lasting economic recovery for communities across the nation facing critical needs for jobs and renewal, and [Your City / Town / Utility Name] needs flexibility to use federal funding support to invest not only in conventional water infrastructure, but to expand its options to include spending for these sustainable, resilient localized strategies.