

Restoring Trust

From Compliance Challenges to Environmental Progress

TRUST IN
WATER



Across Illinois, communities are confronting the growing challenge of maintaining reliable wastewater service amid aging infrastructure, rising regulatory demands and limited municipal resources. Systems built decades ago now require significant modernization to meet today's environmental standards, placing financial and operational pressure on local governments. For communities like Alton and Godfrey, transferring ownership to Illinois American Water through acquisition provided a sustainable path forward—delivering the technical expertise, regulatory oversight and long-term investment needed to protect the environment and ensure reliable service.

City of Alton, Illinois

The City of Alton faced mounting challenges operating an aging wastewater system originally built in the 1960s. Deteriorating clay pipes caused widespread inflow and infiltration during storm events and the wastewater treatment facility had reached the end of its operational life. At the same time, city leaders faced significant financial pressure to meet EPA regulatory mandates while addressing competing community obligations. The City of Alton received over \$53 million for the sale of its system to Illinois American Water, a private, regulated utility with the technical expertise and long-term capital to modernize infrastructure and return the system to compliance.

INVESTMENTS SINCE 2019

- Approximately **\$64 million invested in the Alton system** with more than \$33 million focused on improvements required under the EPA's Combined Sewer Overflows Long-Term Control Plan.
- Over \$8 million in upgrades to the Alton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

SOLUTIONS & COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- **Long-term Investment:** Planned additional investment of **\$64 million over the next five years.**
- **Community Needs:** Sale proceeds supported police and fire pension funding obligations.

Village of Godfrey, Illinois

The Village of Godfrey faced increasing regulatory and financial pressure to modernize its wastewater system while maintaining service quality. Aging infrastructure, combined with EPA consent decree requirements related to sanitary sewer overflows, created significant capital and compliance challenges beyond the Village's rate-based capacity. Partnering with Illinois American Water provided the technical expertise, regulatory oversight, and long-term investment needed to meet current and future EPA requirements and stabilize wastewater operations.

INVESTMENTS SINCE 2019

- Approximately **\$31 million invested in wastewater infrastructure** towards improvements required under the EPA Consent Decree and Administrative Order on Consent.
- More than \$20 million invested in regulatory-driven upgrades at the Godfrey Wastewater Treatment Plant returning system to compliance, improving performance and service quality.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- **Financial Relief:** Village received \$13.55 million for wastewater assets, eliminating the financial burden associated with meeting EPA compliance requirements.
- **Long-term Investment:** Planned additional investment of **\$32 million over the next five years.**