

# THE UNITED STATE(S) OF WATER



## THE NORTHEAST\*

Ongoing access to clean, safe water is critical to our economy, health, and way of life. Although we live in different parts of the country, Americans are united in our dependence on water and the infrastructure that connects, protects, and supports it.

### WE NEED WATER

The average person living in the Northeast uses **114 gallons** of water per day.



### WE RELY ON REGULAR SERVICE



New York City, which has the largest engineered water system in the nation, supplies **1 billion gallons** of water to **9 million people** and cleans **1.3 billion gallons** of wastewater each day.

### LOTS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY EXISTS

The New England Patriots' home, Gillette Stadium, uses recycled water for flushing.



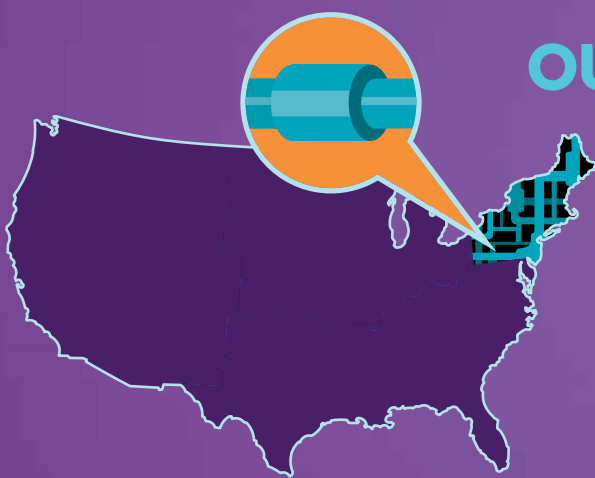
### PROVIDING WATER ISN'T FREE



People who live in the Northeast pay an average of **\$4.45 per 1000 gallons** for drinking water, and **\$5.55 per 1000 gallons** of wastewater that they use. In some cases, the true value of water can be as high as **\$30 per 1000 gallons!**\*\*

### OUR SYSTEMS ARE AGING

The combined average age of New York and Philadelphia's drinking water pipes is **74 years old**. Their average wastewater pipes are **92 years old**.



### WHAT WE CAN SAVE

**6 trillion gallons** of water, wastewater and stormwater is lost each year in the U.S. to faulty, aging or leaky pipes.



### WHAT WE MUST DO

#### Invest in water, wastewater & stormwater!

In the Northeast, they need **\$180 billion** just to modernize their drinking water systems.



### WE CAN DO THIS

**60%** of Americans say they are willing to pay more for water.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Wastewater contains about ten times the amount of energy required to treat it—enough to meet the electricity needs of Chicago, Dallas, Houston and New York City.

