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NYWEA applauds Governor Cuomo's announcement to add additional funding to the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and Environmental Protection Fund. This bold action is another step to improve water quality in New York.

Across the nation and in New York State our water infrastructure systems are in need of billions of dollars in rehabilitation and maintenance. The impact of not addressing our water infrastructure needs affects most importantly public health, the environment and the economic viability of New York.

The NY Water Environment Association represents publically owned wastewater utilities that produce clean water. If people want clean water, healthy lakes and rivers we need to do more now. For too long our water infrastructure has been unrecognized, buried, forgotten and underfunded. The Governor's action to increase the WIIA and EPF funding is paramount to helping all water resource recovery utilities do their job better.

Stated by NYWEA President Michael Garland, "It is especially significant that just after celebrating the 50th Anniversary of New York's Pure Waters Program that New York is again in the lead on protecting public health and the environment by increasing grant funding for water infrastructure."

The people of New York State count on us to invest in our water and wastewater infrastructure to ensure their families have safe, clean water. Many New Yorkers realize they have a personal role to play, and are willing to pay for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades, this action by the Governor will help to improve water quality, create jobs and spark economic development while assisting local government

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