

# Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds Sustain Illinois' Water Infrastructure

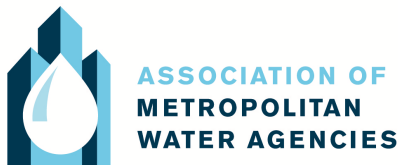
**\$617.6 million** – The value of tax-exempt municipal bonds communities across Illinois issued in 2016 to fund improvements to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

**\$262.3 million** – Additional debt service costs cities and towns in Illinois would incur over their payback periods if interest earned on these bonds was fully taxable, **a 25 percent increase**.\*

**\$95.1 million** – Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund assistance the federal government provided to Illinois in 2016. Fully taxing municipal bond interest would cost the state **nearly 3 times** the value of this year's SRF assistance.

Affordable investment in Illinois' water infrastructure should not be a consequence of tax reform.

**AMWA and NACWA urge you to preserve tax-exempt municipal bonds.**



\*Based on Bloomberg data assuming uniform \$50 million projects with 30-year loan maturities and "AA" credit ratings.