

SOUTH HAVEN AREA **WATER SEWER AUTHORITY**

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South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority Breaks Ground on Capital Improvements, Secures \$42 Million in Grants, Loans *Authority Invites Community to Groundbreaking Ceremony Sept. 30*

South Haven, Michigan, DATE – The South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority invites community members to the groundbreaking of its elevated storage tank, the next of several capital improvements planned to upgrade and improve the area’s water and sewer infrastructure, on Monday, Sept. 30.

From noon to 12:30 p.m., attendees will hear an overview of the project from representatives from SHAWSA, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and Fishbeck at the South Haven Public Works complex, 1199 8th Ave. Light refreshments will be served.

“This groundbreaking ceremony marks the beginning of much-needed improvements to meet the needs of our growing community,” SHAWSA Public Works Director Dana Burd said. “SHAWSA is continuing its investment in this critical infrastructure, securing grants and loans to maximize affordability for our customers – who are at the forefront of our operations.”

“The new elevated tank is just one of many exciting developments in the near future that displays our commitment to rebuilding our infrastructure and creating access to safe, clean drinking water and reliable wastewater services for our residents, businesses and visitors.”

The groundbreaking celebrates the kickoff of SHAWSA’s multi-year, \$42 million capital improvement projects planned for the water and wastewater systems. To help offset costs, the Authority has secured \$22 million in loans and \$20 million in grants from state and federal agencies.

Specific capital projects include:

- The new elevated water storage tank, booster pump station and associated piping to help deliver clean water to residential, business and school customers. This project is supported by a \$9.1 million American Rescue Plan Act grant and a U.S. Department of Agriculture low-interest loan.
- Replacing 2,100 lead service lines within the next three years to comply with the Safe Water Drinking Act. These replacements are supported by a state of Michigan low-interest loan and \$5.7 million in grant funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law through EGLE’s State Revolving Fund program.
- A water main extension to provide increased reliability linking Covert Township and the SHAWSA water systems.
- Improving disinfection and biological treatment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project – currently under construction – is supported by a \$3.65 million American Rescue Plan Act grant and state Revolving Fund loan.

- Addressing high-water issues on Lake Michigan and ensuring water quality at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, made possible through a \$1.5 million grant from the state of Michigan's High Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

About SHAWSA

The [South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority](#) provides safe, reliable water and wastewater services to its customers in the South Haven area. It is dedicated to maintaining and improving the community's water infrastructure while ensuring the highest standards of water quality and environmental stewardship.

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