

Clean Wisconsin: Governor's funding proposal for water protections an investment in our future

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MADISON, WI —Clean Wisconsin applauds Governor Evers' call for \$70 million in funding for water protections announced on Monday. Amber Meyer Smith, Clean Wisconsin's Vice President of Government Relations, made the following statement:

"Governor Evers is investing in Wisconsin's future. Clean drinking water for everyone in our state means making sure families living with contaminated water are helped immediately. It means having water protections in place to prevent future pollution, and it means making an investment in adequate resources for those whose job it is to protect our water.

"Many people do not have adequate access to clean drinking water due to past failures by our state to take our drinking water issues seriously. During this Year of Clean Drinking Water, Governor Evers is turning the page to a new era of clean water in Wisconsin.

"Lead is a serious issue faced by many across Wisconsin. Forty million dollars towards lead pipe replacement signals a serious commitment by the Governor to address and solve this problem to protect our kids and vulnerable communities from the real harms of lead poisoning.

"We look forward to working with the Governor and state leaders to find solutions to

our water challenges so everyone in Wisconsin has access to clean and safe drinking water.”