

Program Tracker

Developing the best program to bring sustainable water to Waukesha involves many steps with many organizations over time. Take a look at the major phases:

PHASE 1 APPLICATION



The Compact Council unanimously approves the Waukesha application to access Lake Michigan as its future water source.

PHASE 2 DESIGNATION



Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett announce their agreement to have MWW provide Lake Michigan water to WWU.

PHASE 3 INVESTIGATION



Routing alternatives are studied, public input is gathered and field investigations are conducted, including environmental reviews and site surveys.

PHASE 4 COMPOSITION



The water supply and return flow pipeline routes are drawn up, analyzed and tested to finalize the safest and most cost-effective plan.

PHASE 5 PERMISSION



Before construction can begin, permits must be obtained for the pumping stations, as well as the water supply and return flow pipelines.

PHASE 6 CONSTRUCTION



Pipelines for the return flow will be built first, starting in Waukesha and heading southeast to Franklin. Next, water supply pipelines will be installed from Milwaukee to Waukesha.

PHASE 7 TRANSITION



All pumping stations and pipelines are tested to confirm that they function properly, and water quality is monitored to ensure standards are met or exceeded.

PHASE 8 ACTIVATION



Lake Michigan water will be supplied via the new pipelines and pumping stations to customers in Waukesha as their primary water source.

PHASE 9 OBSERVATION



Water quality, along with pipeline and pumping station performance, will be reviewed continuously. Resident comments and environmental impact will also be monitored.