

DOES YOUR WATER SYSTEM HAVE AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN?

Vermont's Public Drinking Water Systems are vital to the health, safety and economies of our communities. Developing an Asset Management Plan (AMP) can help your water system overcome the challenges it faces.



Challenges faced by Water Systems

- Determine the most optimal time to repair or replace aging infrastructure.
- Increased demand for services.
- Overcome customer resistance to rate increases.
- Prepare for increasingly stringent regulatory requirements.
- Respond to emergencies resulting from asset failures.

Benefits of Asset Management Planning

- Build an inventory and assess the condition of all assets.
- Meet customer demands with a focus on system sustainability.
- Develop a long-term financing strategy.
- Prepare for shifts in regulatory requirements.
- Prepare for asset failure and emergency situations.
- Create a map of all assets.



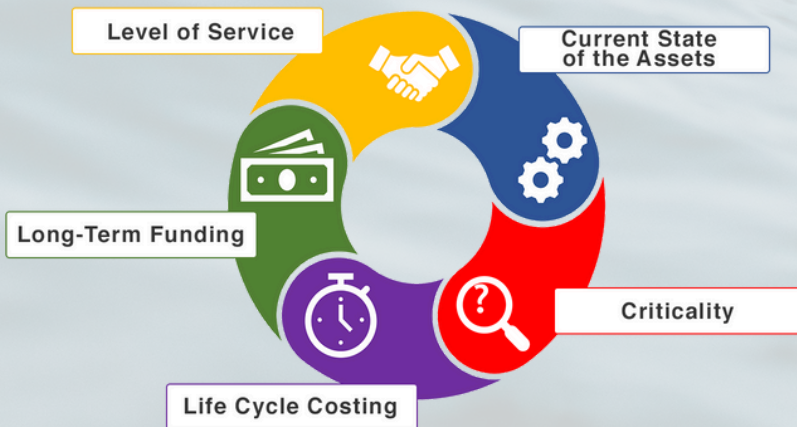
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FAQ

How can an Asset Management Plan help your water system?

- ✓ Increased knowledge of all the systems assets.
- ✓ Operate more efficiently.
- ✓ Improve customer service.
- ✓ Prolong asset life.
- ✓ Plan and pay for future repairs and replacements.
- ✓ Set priorities and justify system needs.

Core Components Of Asset Management



1. What funding opportunities are available to water systems?

The Capacity Development and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Programs are offering up to \$50,000 in forgivable loans to municipal water systems to create a full AMP that will be approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

2. Are there any terms and conditions to the forgivable loan?

Yes, the forgivable loan is only for municipalities and the AMP must adhere to the guidelines outlined by Guidance 26. Additionally, a board member AND the water system's Designated Operator must attend our AMP workshop series before the loan goes into repayment. Please reach out to us for more information on these conditions.

3. Is there an application deadline?

There is no fixed deadline, applications can be submitted at any time.

4. Are there any incentives for water systems who complete an AMP?

Yes, 75 additional priority points on the DWSRF priority funding list for funding construction projects.



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