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Senator Basham Announces \$32 Million Loan to Improve Wastewater Treatment Facility

Loan will allow continued upgrades to Wyandotte's Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility

LANSING, Mich. — Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced today that the Department of Environmental Quality has approved a \$32,095,000 low-interest loan to Wayne County for continuing improvements at its Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility in the City of Wyandotte. The facility is Michigan's second largest sewage treatment facility, serving thirteen Downriver communities.

"Through this low-interest loan, the treatment facility will be able to continue their improvements, stimulating investment in our state as well as helping keep the Detroit River clean so citizens can enjoy recreational water activities," said Sen. Basham. "I would like to thank the Department of Environmental Quality for helping provide the resources to ensure a consistent, quality operation."

The Department of Environmental Quality has announced 24 new loan commitments from the state's revolving fund programs. The State Revolving Fund provides low-interest financing for local units of government to make needed improvements to wastewater collection and treatment facilities.

"We continue to take huge strides in protecting and enhancing Michigan's irreplaceable water resources," said DEQ Director Steven E. Chester. "While funding needed infrastructure improvements, these loans stimulate construction activity and represent a real investment in Michigan's environmental and economic future. With loan interest rates well below those otherwise available in the open market, the SRF also allow communities to pass savings along to users of their wastewater systems."

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