

# 2024 Proposed Operating Budget

September 14, 2023



# **Budget Introduction**

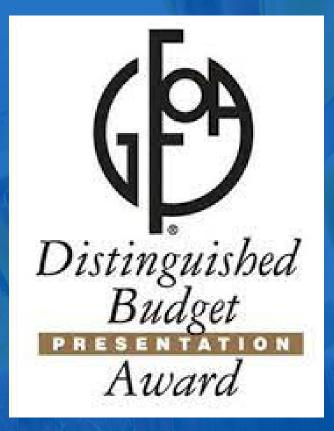
- Highlights today
- Document at madsewer.org/2024-budget
- Next steps
- Bottom line

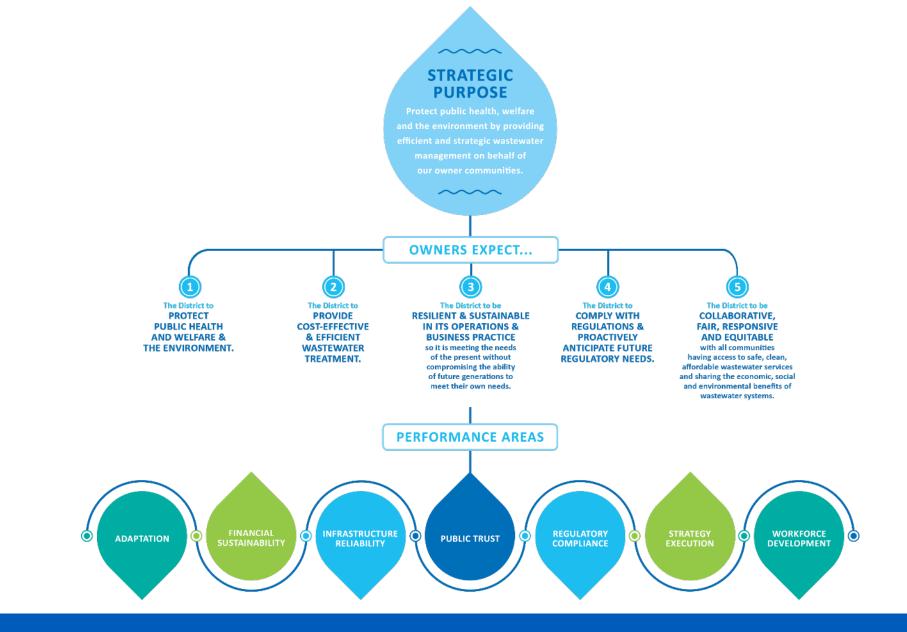
## **GFOA = Budgeting Best Practices**

Excel at

- Financial planning
- Operations
- Communication
- Policy

**YEARS RECEIVED** 2013 • 2014 • 2015 • 2016 • 2017 2018 • 2019 • 2020 • 2021 • 2022 • 2023





## **District Strategic Plan**

## **Spending Drivers**

- Strict water quality standards
- Regulatory oversight
- Around the clock reliability
- Growing communities
- Anchor institution

# A "Do More" Budget

## Performance

### **Strategic Plan** 7 Performance Areas

Focus Items

## Productivity

#### **Enterprise Resource Planning System**

Financial Processes Work Planning HR Management

## **Projects**

#### **Capital Improvements Plan**

Aging Infrastructure — 65% Growing Communities — 25% Regulation & Reliability — 10%

## People

#### Capable Workforce

Competitive pay and benefits Capacity, new positions

# Charges for Average Household

# \$262.50

2024 total charges, District only





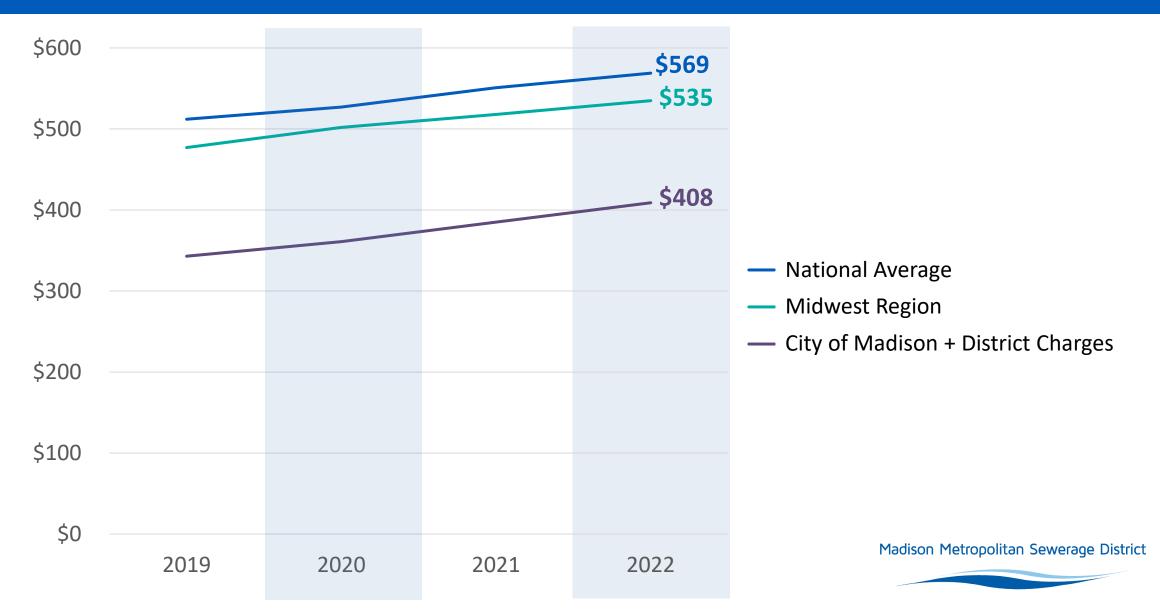
## **2024 Service Charges Changes**

AMOUNT	% CHANGE	BUDGET ITEM
\$3,656,600	7.2%	Required Increases energy, chemicals capital contribution reserves fees, etc.
\$1,364,100	2.7%	Needed Increases pay increase new positions maintenance projects
- \$455,700	- 0.9%	Revenue Offset and Misc.
4,565,000	9.0%	Total

## **New Positions**

POSITION	NEED/URGENCY
Night Operator - Lead	<ul> <li>Coverage</li> <li>Safety</li> <li>Meet growing operations group burdens</li> </ul>
Assistant Plant Operations Manager	<ul> <li>Critical expertise backup</li> <li>Additional capacity for plant capital projects</li> </ul>
Business Service Specialist	<ul> <li>Expanded governance coordination</li> <li>Support growing District</li> <li>Help find process efficiencies</li> </ul>
Treatment Plant Planning Engineer	<ul> <li>Critical missing planning expertise</li> <li>Support urgent heat and power planning</li> </ul>

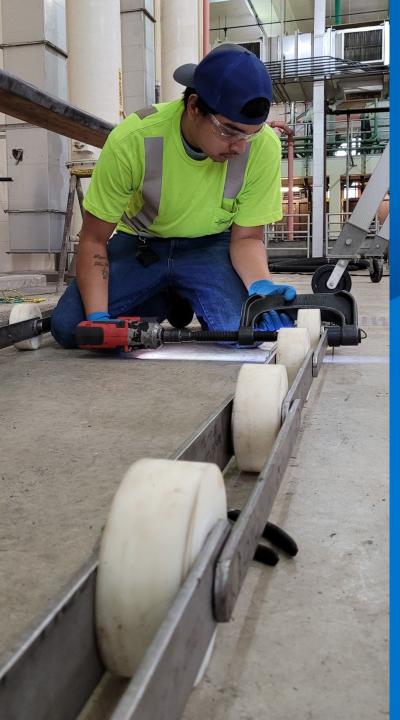
## **Benchmark Cost-Per-Household**



# Enhanced Budgeting Process

- 1. Start with six-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)
- 2. Identify operational requirements & needs
- 3. Find efficiencies
- 4. Align budget to priorities
- 5. Early estimates to owner communities





# **Finding Efficiencies**

- Realistic review of department budgets
- 14.0 FTE new positions deferred, including:
  - Plant operators
  - Maintenance technicians
  - Operations and maintenance engineers
  - IT support
- \$500M+ in avoided costs: phosphorous & chloride treatment

# Timeline

### September 28

Public hearing and deliberation

### **October 5**

Deadline to receive written comments

## October 12

Commission deliberation and final direction

### **October 26**

Commission adopts 2024 budgets & rates

### **November 1**

Customers notified of new rates



# Thank you

