



ABOUT AKELEY, MN

The City of Akeley is located along the Lake Country Scenic Byway at the junction of State Hwy 34 and 64. Today Akeley is home to more than 400 residents representing 170+ households.

The City plays a vital role in Hubbard County's recreation and tourism industries. The Heartland State Trail connects Akeley to Park Rapids, Cass Lake, Bemidji, and other communities. Importantly, the Paul Bunyan trailhead facility (parking lot, picnic area, and restrooms) is located on the west side of Akeley. The City is also in close proximity to other popular recreation destinations like the Paul Bunyan State Forest and the Cros Wing Lakes.

WATER TOWER

The City's 100,000-gallon water tower was constructed in 1994. A 2021 inspection found corrosion due to the delamination of coatings, which had reached their useful life. The City applied new interior and exterior coatings in 2022. This project will replace multiple components that were damaged by corrosion. These include pipes, valves, and a mixer. **Project cost - \$300,000**

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Most of the City's water mains were upgraded with 8" or 6" PVC in the 1990's. However, the distribution system still contains five blocks of original cast iron pipe (CIP). The CIP mains are well beyond their serviceable life. The City is therefore seeking to replace the five blocks of CIP with new PVC mains. This project will simultaneously replace the roadways within the project area. **Project cost - \$675,000**



BACKUP GENERATOR

Finally, the City's wells and water treatment plant do not currently have a backup power source. A power outage would thus prevent residents and visitors from obtaining access to safe drinking water. The City is therefore requesting funding to purchase an emergency backup generator that will serve both the wells and the treatment plant. **Project Cost - \$130,000**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

The City's wastewater treatment facility was originally constructed in 1985. Over the last 40 years, there have been few improvements made to the treatment ponds and applicators, which now show clear signs of deterioration. Today the lagoon banks are beginning to slough. Additionally, the pumping systems are inefficient and beyond their useful life, while the transfer structures require upgrades to meet current regulations and standards. **Project cost - \$800,000**



PROJECT SUMMARY

The total project cost for the items listed above is \$1,274,000. The City of Akeley is pursuing creative solutions to fund this project. Because the City's Median Household Income is just \$37,083, these urgent projects are not feasible without external funding.

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