

THE CLEAN WATER TRUST ACT OF 2005

LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE

The *Clean Water Trust Act of 2005* (H.R. 4560) will:

- help communities protect public health and the environment by restoring the federal-state-local financial partnership necessary to achieve the goals of the Clean Water Act;
- create a dedicated, deficit-neutral Clean Water Trust Fund, similar to those that finance highways and airports;
- supplement existing local and state revenue to prevent water pollution and fund high priority projects to repair crumbling and outdated wastewater treatment systems;
- address the U.S. EPA's estimated clean water funding gap in the hundreds of billions of dollars;
- ensure that over 30 years of water quality progress under the Clean Water Act are not lost; and,
- continue to provide Americans with a safe, reliable water infrastructure system nationwide.

To achieve these objectives, the Trust Fund will provide approximately \$7.5 billion a year from 2006 – 2010 in loans and grants to cities, counties, towns and townships to address the backlog of critical clean water projects, meet unfunded mandates, and improve utility management based on state-determined priorities.

The *Clean Water Trust Act of 2005* also will enhance fisheries, encourage research, spur new technologies, and protect critical regional waters such as the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay and Gulf of Mexico.

MAJOR TRUST FUND PROGRAMS AND FUNDING LEVELS

Grants	\$ 4.5 billion
Clean Water SRF Loans	\$ 1.5 billion
Sewer Overflow Grants Program	\$250 million
Utility Management	\$ 5 million
Small/Rural Systems	\$ 50 million
Research and Technology	\$295 million
Assistance to States (Section 106)	\$250 million
Fisheries Enhancement	\$250 million
State Wetlands Program Grants	\$100 million
Regional Programs	\$250 million
Watershed Pilot Project	\$ 20 million
Alternative Water Source Pilot (1 year)	\$125 million

H.R. 4560 - SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS *(as of 2/27/06)*

The Associated General Contractors of America

Ducks Unlimited

National Association of Towns and Townships

American Society of Civil Engineers

Western Coalition of Arid States

Rural Community Assistance Partnership

National Association of Clean Water Agencies

American Sportfishing Association

American Council of Engineering Companies

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

Construction Management Association of America

International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

American Public Works Association

Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Design Build Institute of America

Trout Unlimited

American Rivers

Underground Contractors Association

Plastics Pipe Institute

American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association

American Supply Association

Portland Cement Association

Associated Equipment Distributors

BASS/ESPN Outdoor