

# 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existing local and state revenue to prevent water pollution and fund high priority projects to repair crumbling and outdated wastewater treatment systems;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**

**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**