



# CITY OF CHENEY PURPLE PIPE PROJECT

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## Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Plant

- In 1994 the City of Cheney transitioned to an advanced wastewater treatment facility from a lagoon system.
- Effluent from the wastewater treatment plant is discharged into a 100-acre constructed wetland.
- In 2007 an engineering study concluded that the city could provide 1.0 million gallons of reclaimed water from the wastewater plant and still maintain the viability of the constructed wetlands.
- In 2016 an engineering study looked at reclaimed water alternatives based on the reclaimed supply from the 2007 study.



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## City of Cheney Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Plant Began Operation in 1994, Upgraded in 2010, 1.9 MGD AADF



Aerial photo courtesy of Dr. Larry Esvelt, PhD



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## CITY OF CHENEY CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS



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100 acres



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## Project Objectives

- Provide a new source and supply of up to 1.0 million gallons per day (MGD) of irrigation water during the summer.
- Reduce the demand on the City's existing potable water supply system and eliminate watering restrictions associated with the existing seasonal water source deficit.



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## CITY OF CHENEY WATERING RESTRICTIONS

### Letter from the Mayor...

Dear Community Members:

In advance of extreme temperatures in the coming week and the drought conditions we are experiencing in this region, the City of Cheney is requiring irrigation conservation measures to sustain our potable water resources. The conservation measures include the following:

1. Odd/even irrigation schedule: Your address will be your irrigation day. Odd number addresses water on odd dates and even addresses water on even dates.
2. Restricting watering times by ½: Reset your irrigation runtimes by ½ or reduce your manual water times by ½.
3. Irrigation watering times: Irrigation watering times will be 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Irrigation restriction will be from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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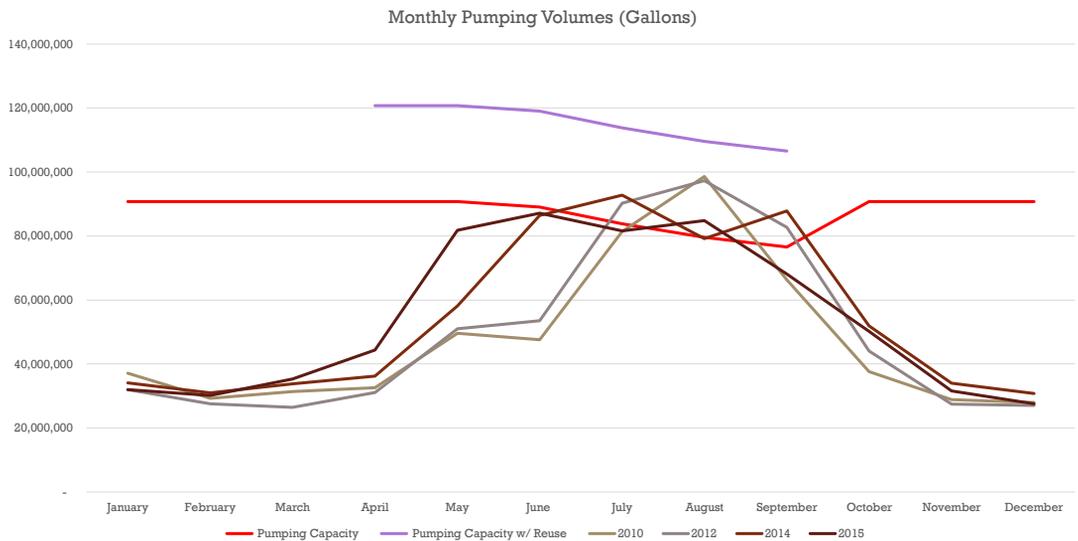
# Pumping Totals 2015

|         | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | July | Aug  | Sept | Oct  | Nov | Dec |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| Well #1 | 410  | 410  | 410  | 400  | 396  | 381  | 366  | 359  | 346  | 328  |     |     |
| Well #2 | 225  | 245  | 250  | 225  | 227  | 220  | 204  | 197  | 187  | 178  | 196 | 203 |
| Well #5 | 460  | 455  | 450  | 450  | 441  | 431  | 424  | 422  | 423  | 418  | 414 | 407 |
| Well #6 |      |      |      | 418  | 400  | 387  | 360  | 338  | 321  | 300  |     |     |
| Well #7 |      |      |      |      | 170  | 154  | 133  | 127  | 135  | 132  |     |     |
| Well #8 |      |      |      | 400  | 445  | 488  | 452  | 399  | 360  | 345  | 335 | 317 |
| Totals  | 1095 | 1110 | 1110 | 1893 | 2079 | 2061 | 1939 | 1842 | 1772 | 1701 | 945 | 927 |



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# Water Usage



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|      |                     | ADD (GPM) | MDD (GPM) | PHD (GPM) |
|------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2018 | Entire System       | 1,208     | 2,247     | 3,714     |
|      | Main Zone           | 894       | 1,663     | 2,779     |
|      | High School Zone    | 272       | 506       | 927       |
|      | Scenic Heights Zone | 42        | 78        | 208       |
| 2028 | Entire System       | 1,385     | 2,576     | 4,241     |
|      | Main Zone           | 1,025     | 1,907     | 3,169     |
|      | High School Zone    | 312       | 580       | 1,046     |
|      | Scenic Heights Zone | 48        | 90        | 231       |
| 2038 | Entire System       | 1,589     | 2,955     | 4,846     |
|      | Main Zone           | 1,176     | 2,187     | 3,617     |
|      | High School Zone    | 357       | 665       | 1,182     |
|      | Scenic Heights Zone | 56        | 103       | 258       |

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|         | Cheney |     | US Average |     |
|---------|--------|-----|------------|-----|
|         | gpd    | %   | gpd        | %   |
| Indoor  | 140    | 41  | 210        | 70  |
| Outdoor | 198    | 59  | 90         | 30  |
| Total   | 339    | 100 | 300        | 100 |

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## Project Alternatives

- **Do nothing**
  - Least cost.
  - Continued irrigation restrictions.
  - May reduce economic development.
  - May reduce City recreational program opportunities.
- **Drill a new groundwater supply well**
  - Less cost than other alternatives.
  - No guarantee of reliable long-term supply.
  - Contributes to declining groundwater level in supply aquifer.
- **Import and purchase water from the City of Spokane**
  - Nearly equal in cost to the proposed purple pipe project.
  - Subject to price increases and use restrictions by the City of Spokane.
  - Seasonal restrictions due to Spokane River minimum instream flow rule.
  - Emergency uses only - such as for drinking water.
- **Proposed Purple Pipe Project**



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## Benefits of Proposed Project

- Provides a new reliable and drought-tolerant water supply.
- Eliminates mandatory summertime watering restrictions.
- Reduces withdrawals from the City's potable water supply aquifer and slows the groundwater level decline.
- Supports economic development.
- Supports City recreational opportunities.
- Provides a water source that will increase with development and the associated discharges to sewer.
- Provides the distribution infrastructure for other potential sources of non-potable water, such as treated stormwater.
- Provides a water source that is not reliant on imported water and the associated use restrictions and potential price increases.
- Modernizes existing electrical equipment at the City's treatment plant and utilizes unused facilities for storage of reclaimed water.



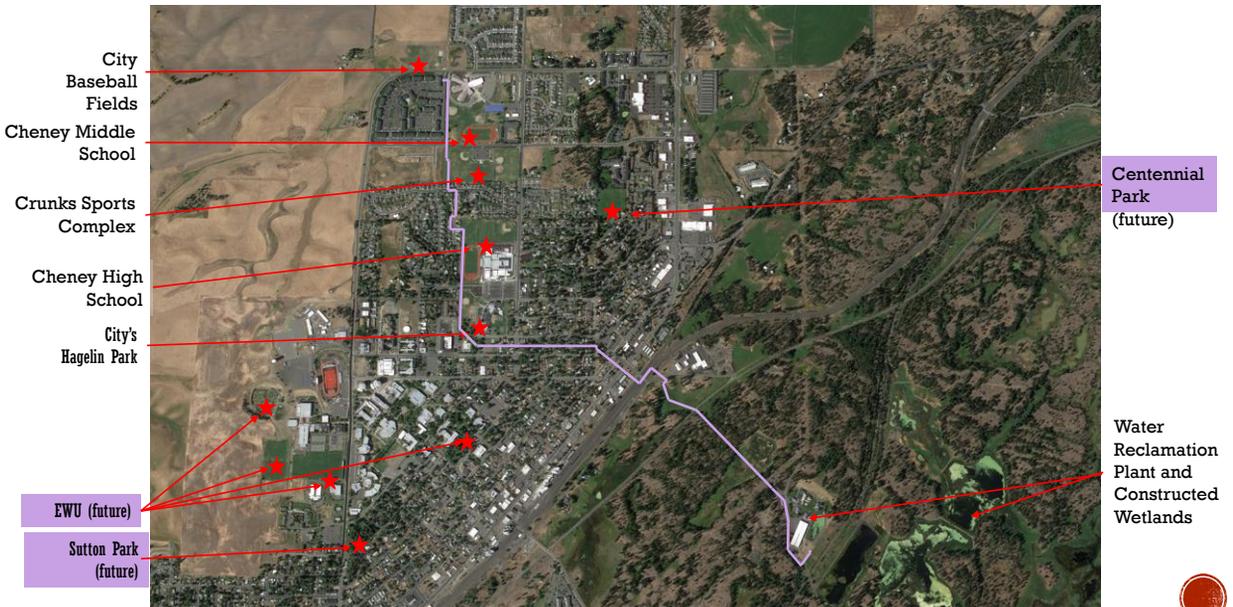
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# RECLAIMED WATER TREATMENT



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# RECLAIMED WATER IRRIGATION SITES AND TRANSMISSION LINE



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## Reclaimed Water Quality

- Reclaimed water will comply with the water quality requirements regulated per Chapter 173-219 WAC Reclaimed Water.
- Chemical coagulation, filtration, and disinfection will remove pathogens from the water so it is safe to use for irrigation.
- Project planning and design documents have been approved by the Washington State Departments of Health and Ecology.



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## Construction Timeline

Year 2022-2023: Electrical Upgrades at Treatment Plant

Year 2023-2024: Reclaimed Water Treatment System

Year 2024: Reclaimed Water Storage and Pump Station

Year 2025: Reclaimed Water Distribution System

Year 2026: Construction Complete



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## Construction Cost Estimate

| Construction Contract                    | Capital Cost        |
|--|---------------------|
| Electrical Upgrades                      | \$1,434,000         |
| Reclaimed Water Treatment System         | \$10,110,000        |
| Reclaimed Water Storage and Pump Station | \$5,116,000         |
| Reclaimed Water Distribution             | \$7,163,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$23,823,000</b> |



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## Construction Funding

| Funding Source                                     | Amount              |
|--|---------------------|
| Washington State Department of Commerce - Grants   | \$13,000,000        |
| US Bureau of Reclamation - Grant                   | \$5,455,750         |
| Washington State Department of Ecology – 1.2% Loan | \$5,367,250         |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$23,823,000</b> |



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## CHENEY RESIDENTIAL STREET PRESERVATION PROGRAM

- 1998 Cheney citizens voted in support of a 4% electrical and natural gas tax for the preservation of streets and sidewalks:
  - The tax initiative had a 14-year sunset, and the City provided a map and list of street and sidewalks that would be completed during the 14-year period.
  - At the end of the 14-year initiative, the City reported back to its citizens that all streets and sidewalks were completed.
- 2012 Cheney citizens voted in support to continue the 4% electrical and natural gas tax another 14 years.
- In addition to preserving residential street (local access, non-arterial) the preservation tax has been used as a match towards arterial streets projects ( State / Federal grants) leveraging over \$4 Million dollars in preservation grants.
- CDBG grants were also used to replace water mains using street preservation projects as a match addressing high priority needs. The City has received over \$2 Million in grant funds for water main replacement.

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**Thank you!**

<https://www.cityofcheney.org/429/Water-Reuse>

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