## THE UNITED STATE(S) OF WATER



# THE **NORTHEAST**\*

Ongoing access to clean, safe water is critical to our economy, health, and way of life. Although we live in different parts of the country, Americans are united in our dependence on water and the infrastructure that connects, protects, and supports it.

#### **WE NEED WATER**

The average person living in the Northeast uses 114 gallons of water per day.



## LOTS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

The New England Patriots' home, Gillette Stadium, uses recycled water for flushing.



UR SYSTEMS ARE AGING

The combined average age of New York and Philadelphia's drinking water pipes is **74 years old**. Their average wastewater pipes are

#### WE RELY ON **REGULAR SERVICE**



New York City, which has the largest engineered water system in the nation, supplies 1 billion gallons of water to 9 million people and cleans 1.3 billion gallons of wastewater each day.

#### **PROVIDING WATER ISN'T FREE**



People who live in the Northeast pay an average of \$4.45 per 1000 gallons for drinking water, and \$5.55 per 1000 gallons of wastewater that they use. In some cases, the true value of water can be as high as \$30 per 1000 gallons!\*\*



6 trillion gallons of

water, wastewater and stormwater is lost each year in the U.S. to faulty, aging or leaky pipes.

### WHAT WE MUST DO

Invest in water, wastewater & stormwater! In the Northeast, they need \$180 billion iust to modernize their drinking water systems.





#### **WE CAN DO THIS**

60% of Americans say they are willing to pay more for water.





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\* Regions based on U.S. Census Bureau Designations. https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/maps-data/maps/reference/us\_regdiv.pdf

This is a general statement. The value, price, and cost of clean water services across the country are complex and diverse based on a wide degree of variables and circumstances.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Wastewater contains about ten times the amount of energy required to treat it—enough to meet the electricity needs of Chicago, Dallas, Houston and New York City.