



The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

ONE WATER PROGRAM

- BORROWER:** Toho Water Authority
- LOCATION:** Polk and Osceola Counties, Florida
- TOTAL WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT:** \$188 million
- TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS:** \$384 million
- POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT:** 450,000 people
- NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED:** 1,750 jobs



Photo credit: Toho Water Authority

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Toho Water Authority's One Water Program will help meet requirements in the Central Florida Water Initiative Rule, reduce dependence on groundwater, and support economic growth within the service area. The authority will utilize WIFIA financing to complete projects that will incorporate alternative potable and non-potable water supply sources to offset groundwater demands. Additionally, the authority will complete treatment upgrades, expansion of multiple water treatment facilities, and a series of water main and pump station installations to improve potable and non-potable water distribution within the service area. WIFIA funding will accelerate the authority's goal to eliminate effluent discharges entirely through increased use of reclaimed water for reuse or recharge. With this WIFIA loan, the authority will reduce reliance on fresh groundwater supplies while meeting customer water demands and protecting the environment. This is the first loan under a master agreement that will commit \$292 million in WIFIA assistance to the authority for the One Water Program.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Increases resiliency and reduces reliance on groundwater sources.
- Helps meet existing and future customer demand.
- Saves the Toho Water Authority approximately \$47 million by financing with a WIFIA loan.