WATER 2025

The City of Westminster is excited to announce the launch of <u>Water 2025</u>, a long-term planning project to replace the City of Westminster's aging Semper Water Treatment Facility.

The goal of the 2018 effort is to identify the best location for a new facility using a comprehensive review process that incorporates technical and operational requirements as well as significant community engagement.

Why Water 2025?

Developing our City's drinking water system has <u>shaped Westminster's past</u> and will play a vital role in our future.

Westminster's safe and reliable drinking water system is one of our greatest assets. Like any complex system, our water distribution system requires continuous maintenance and planned upgrades. As Westminster's current drinking water treatment system continues to age it becomes more expensive to maintain and increasingly vulnerable to threats posed by drought and wildfire.

Water is one of our most precious, yet finite, natural resources and we are fortunate to enjoy a highquality drinking water supply originating in the Rocky Mountains. As Westminster and all of the Front Range continues to grow, we need to responsibly plan for the needs of future generations so our children can enjoy the same quality of life we do today.

Benefits of a New System

Our existing Semper Water Treatment Facility has served Westminster faithfully for almost 50 years. However, as Semper nears the end of its planned lifecycle, the City must begin proactively planning for a new drinking water treatment facility to meet the growing needs of our community.

Building a new treatment plant will be more efficient and more cost-effective for our customers than challenging and expensive upgrades to existing facilities.

A new drinking water facility using advanced new technology will provide:

- Greater resiliency in times of challenging treatment, such as a wildfire in our watershed
- Greater flexibility to adapt to changing regulatory standards
- Greater security to address future shortages in our water supply
- Greater opportunities for environmental sustainability and resource stewardship

Community Commitment

The City of Westminster's Water 2025 team understands the importance of community feedback in locating a site for our new drinking water facility. Your input and ideas will be gathered throughout the process through a series of community events and workshops, digital surveys, online updates and more.

For more information and to sign-up for project updates, visit <u>www.cityofwestminster.us/Water2025</u>.