



# AMERICA'S WATER: INFRASTRUCTURE IN PERIL

What to do. How to fix it. How to finance it.

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL



Wednesday May 11  
10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. (EDT)

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Join David Brancaccio of American Public Media's Marketplace on Wednesday, May 11th along with national experts and journalists for the first in an urgent H2O Catalyst series of interactive town hall broadcasts that explores the nation's decaying water systems.

America built its water systems to last. But they will not last forever. Communities throughout the country face an era of replacement, repair, and reinvestment.

The stakes are high. Leaky pipes waste trillions of gallons per year. Droughts and floods inflict deep financial wounds. Lead contamination in Flint, Michigan, and countless other cities shows the risks to public health and economic well-being because of outdated infrastructure.

Beginning May 11 and running through fall 2016, Circle of Blue, American Public Media, and Columbia University — and a global audience — will dig deep and explore the state of the nation's water infrastructure. From what happens when pipes and policies fail to the opportunities for innovative finance, policy, and technology.

**Bring your voice — Wednesday, May 11, 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. (EDT)**

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### Breakout Discussions

#### Better Together? collaboration & water supply

Pat Mulroy

Water, increasingly scarce in the fast-growing regions of the United States, is a shared resource. What policies and partnerships will ensure enough for everyone?

#### Economic Engines Run on Water

Diane VanDe Hei

Cities drive the nation's economy and cycle hundreds of millions of gallons of water each day through thousands of miles of pipe. What is the role of business in funding and supporting water infrastructure?

#### Financing the Replacement Era

Jeff Hughes

Water utilities need to raise money to pay for much-needed system repairs, but as residents and businesses conserve, they are selling less and less. How can utilities balance reinvestment and conservation, revenue and affordability?

#### Engineering Smarter Systems for the 21st Century

Dr. Upmanu Lall

In a time of technological discovery, the basic design of a water system is beginning to undergo fundamental change — from big and centralized to small, smart, and distributed. How might water infrastructure be reengineered for 21st century challenges?

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