

## **Proposed Public Regional Water District, Why Change?**

The City of Cincinnati is considering transferring Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) to a public regional water district, following a recommendation by City Manager Milton Dohoney. The proposed change will allow Water Works to expand its service area beyond what is currently permitted by the Ohio Constitution.

The addition of more customers will help keep rates low and maintain water quality well into the future because costs can be spread over more customers.

In addition, the City of Cincinnati would receive an average annual payment of \$14-18 million to be used for infrastructure improvements like roads, bridges parks and more. This revenue can help our current businesses grow and prosper, attract new businesses and create more jobs.

The proposed water district could never be privatized. It would remain a public entity and be governed by a local independent board made up of local citizens and experts, and the majority would be appointed by the City of Cincinnati.

It will also recognize GCWW employee's current union representation and employees will enjoy the same compensation and benefits as they did when employed by the city.

A public meeting will be held in late summer. In the coming weeks, all registered voters in the City of Cincinnati will receive an invitation to attend.

For more information about the proposed public regional water district, visit [www.cincinnatiwater.org](http://www.cincinnatiwater.org).