



# News Release

## **ALCOSAN'S 8th Cycle Awards Over \$3.5M of GROW Grants in 2023**

*The 8<sup>th</sup> cycle of the GROW program features 12 awarded source control projects*  
September 29, 2023

Nine of Allegheny County Sanitary Authority's (ALCOSAN) partner municipalities and municipal authorities have been offered over \$3.5M in Green Revitalization of our Waterways (GROW) grants in the program's eighth cycle. In terms of sewer overflow reduction, sewer separation is predicted to provide the largest benefit this cycle, with 9.5 million gallons estimated to be reduced per year, followed by infiltration/inflow reduction projects with 3.1 million gallons. The two green stormwater infrastructure projects are estimated to remove approximately 700,000 gallons per year. The seven infiltration/inflow reduction projects are also predicted to remove over 50 million gallons of excess inflow from the system each year.

Created by ALCOSAN in 2016, the GROW program helps the Authority's customer municipalities and municipal authorities fund meaningful source control projects that help keep excess water out of the sewer system.

This year's group of awards includes \$348,200 to Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) for green infrastructure along the Bus Rapid Transit corridor, \$638,757 to North Braddock Borough for a sewer separation project along O'Connell Boulevard, and \$337,600 to Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority for a neighborhood infiltration/inflow reduction project. Other significant awards have been offered to McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, Mt. Lebanon, Swissvale, and West Homestead.

"This GROW cycle is a great example of how important it is to work together toward a common goal – keeping excess water out of our sewer systems," said Arletta Scott Williams, ALCOSAN's Executive Director. "We are always thrilled to be able to help fund these impactful source control projects in our customer municipalities."

"GROW projects have been very successful. It's just refreshing to know the projects that are being awarded and worked on with the amount of overflows being taken care of is just tremendous," said Sylvia Wilson, Chairperson of ALCOSAN's Board of Directors. "It has turned into a terrific program."

Including this cycle, ALCOSAN's GROW program has offered grants more than \$63M for approximately 159 projects, leveraging approximately \$61M in municipal, authority and third-party funding. In all, those projects are expected to reduce the volume of overflows into the region's waterways by more than 216 million gallons per year.

Any municipality or municipal sewer authority within the ALCOSAN service area is eligible for GROW grants. The ninth cycle has already begun, and ALCOSAN is scheduling informational meetings to assist municipalities in the application process.

Learn More about the [GROW](https://www.alcosan.org) program by going to ALCOSAN's website, [www.alcosan.org](https://www.alcosan.org).

**ALCOSAN Green Revitalization of Our Waterways  
Cycle Eight Award Descriptions and Award Amounts – September 2023  
Key: SS – Sewer Separation; I/I – Infiltration and Inflow; GSI – Green Stormwater  
Infrastructure; SO – Sewer Optimization**

**Dormont Borough**

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Dormont S-15 Phase II COA Lining Project. Sanitary sewer lining of 4,125 feet in southern half of Borough. \$63,600.00

**Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority**

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) - Greenhill Area Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Sanitary sewer lining of 8,100 feet in Shaler Township. \$337,600.00

**Mt. Lebanon**

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) - Cochran Rd/Larchmont Rd: Sewershed C4800-MB-L-03 Sewer Rehab. Sanitary sewer lining of 6,255 feet near Cochran Road and Larchmont Road. \$159,300.00
- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Little Saw Mill Run – Sewershed MH1800-MB-L-05 Sewer Rehab. Sanitary sewer lining of 8,900 feet near Beverly Road. \$272,500.00

**McCandless TSA**

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) - Fox Ridge Plan. Sanitary sewer lining of 25,079 feet in the Fox Ridge Plan area of Lowries Run. \$356,800.00

**North Braddock**

- Sewer Separation (SS) – O'Connell Boulevard Storm Sewer Separation Project. New separate stormwater system to remove stormwater and surface water runoff from the combined sewer system near New Dookers Hollow Bridge. \$638,757.15

**Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority**

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) - 2023 Small Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation. Sanitary sewer lining of 30,000 feet in the Carrick neighborhood. \$804,300.00
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) – Bus Rapid Transit (M-05 Sewershed). Installation of GSI features along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Forbes Avenue between Stevenson Street and Gist Street within the M-05 Sewershed. The project includes bioswales, tree trenches, and storage trenches as part of the Downtown-Uptown-Oakland East Bus Rapid Transit transportation project. \$214,300.00
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) – Bus Rapid Transit (M-19 Sewershed). Installation of GSI features along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Forbes Avenue between Gist Street and the Birmingham Bridge within the M-19 Sewershed. The project includes bioswales, tree trenches, and storage trenches as part of the Downtown-Uptown-Oakland East Bus Rapid Transit transportation project. \$133,900.00

**Ross Township**

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) - York Drive Infiltration Control Project. Sanitary sewer lining of 1,735 feet near York Drive. \$43,900.00

**Swissvale**

- Sewer Separation (SS) – M-48 Groundwater and Surface Water Remediation Project. New separate stormwater system to remove stormwater from the combined sewer system south of Les Getz Memorial Park. \$216,716.00

**West Homestead Borough**

- Sewer Separation (SS) – West 7th Avenue Separation Project. New separate stormwater system to remove stormwater from the combined sewer system along West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. \$271,442.32