



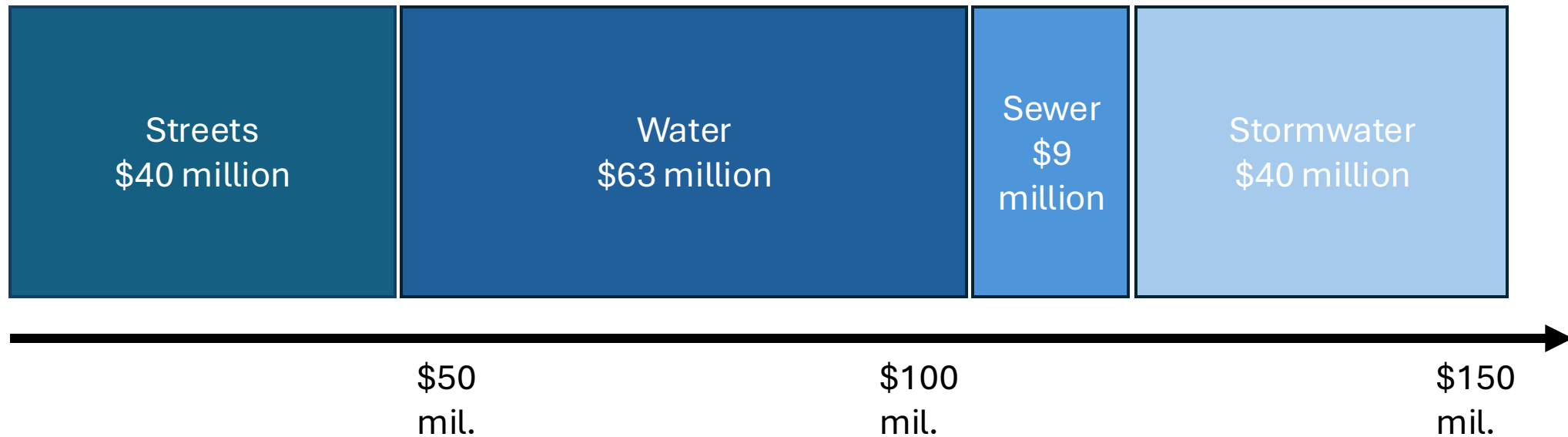
Infrastructure Backlog

September 2026

Introduction

- Watertown is more than 150 years old, with a majority of streets and infrastructure originally built 50+ years ago
- More than 120 miles of streets, with associated water/sewer mains and stormwater controls
- Infrastructure funding has not kept pace with wear & tear

The Scale of the Issue



What's Included

- What needs to be fixed NOW
 - Streets with PASER ratings of 1 or 2 (out of 10) or water mains in need of replacement:
 - S. First Street – Main Street to Milwaukee Street
 - S. Eighth Street – Market Street to Western Avenue
 - City Core – S. Fourth, S. Fifth, S. Sixth Streets – Western Avenue to Clyman Street
 - Labaree Street – Anne Street to Boughton Street
 - Clark Street – S. Third Street to Humboldt Street
 - S. Tenth Street – Western Avenue to Railroad Tracks

These reconstruction projects include streets, water, sewer, and stormwater work.

What's Not Included

Major projects not included:

- Street resurfacing - \$9 million
- Downtown Main Street Reconstruction (city portion) - \$5-7 million
- Sea wall (N. 1st) - \$2-3 million
- Allerman Lift Station - \$5 million
- Wastewater treatment equipment replacement/updates - \$33 million
- 15 priority areas identified in city-wide flood study - \$35 million
- TMDL/MS4 permit compliance - \$3 million
- Street/utility extensions necessary for growth

How Did We Get Here?

- Decades of underfunding have deferred necessary work and turned repairs into replacement
- Street/water/sewer reconstruction budgets have typically covered only 1 major project a year (less than ½ mile)

What Do We Do?

- Spend wisely
- Focus capital spending on infrastructure
- Buy breathing room by extending life of streets/water/sewer