



MOST. Important.

MUNICIPAL OPTION SALES TAX

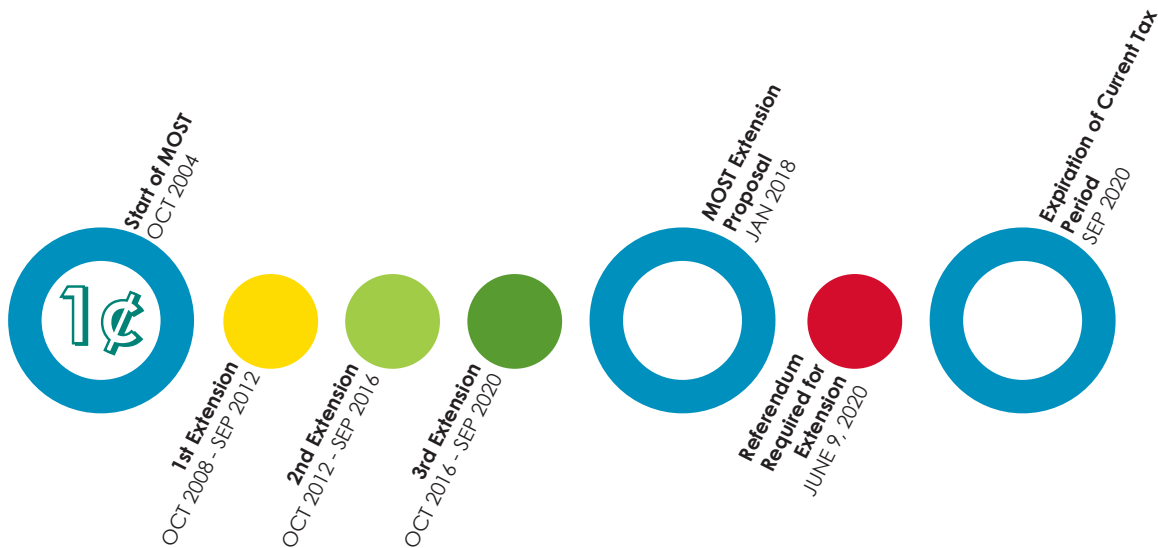


CITY OF ATLANTA DEPARTMENT OF
watershed
management

The MOST: An Overview

In 2004, a 1-cent Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST) was passed for the City of Atlanta largely to assist in funding the compliance obligations of two Federal Consent Decrees entered in 1998 and 1999, which required upgrades to the City's sewer system to eliminate sewer spills. Since the start of the Clean Water Atlanta Program, the MOST has helped fund \$2.3 billion in sewer system investment for the estimated \$4 billion federally mandated sewer infrastructure overhaul, while stabilizing rates.

This is not a new tax. The 2018 General Assembly authorized a referendum for voters to approve reauthorization of the existing MOST as a ballot question on June 9, 2020. Approval of the MOST will continue funding Clean Water Atlanta Consent Decree projects as well as projects to improve water and wastewater facilities, replace water lines, address flooding and complete critical projects such as the Water Supply Program that will secure Atlanta's water future and protect more than \$250 million in daily economic activity.



MOST

MUNICIPAL OPTION SALES TAX

MAKES CENTS



MUNICIPAL OPTION SALES TAX (MOST) HAS SUPPORTED

24,000

JOBS (DIRECT, INDIRECT AND INDUCED)



SINCE 2000 DWM HAS INVESTED OVER

\$2.3B

IN SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS RESULTING IN A 97% REDUCTION IN SEWER SPILLS

ANNUAL CIP EXPENDITURES

\$100-300M

TO ADDRESS AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND FEDERAL CONSENT DECREES

MOST IS SUPPORTING THE CURRENT

\$1.26B

5-YR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)



MOST HAS SUPPORTED

\$600M

IN SMALL, MINORITY AND FEMALE BUSINESS PARTICIPATION



MOST PROTECTS

\$250M

IN DAILY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

MOST HAS STAVED OFF A

25%

INCREASE IN WATER/SEWER RATES

