

# Town of Philipsburg

To: Long Range Planning Committee 68<sup>th</sup> Session  
From: Town of Philipsburg  
Date: January 13, 2023  
RE: **Drinking Water project for Philipsburg, MCEP, HB 11**

Philipsburg is attempting to solve several major infrastructure issues. The Town has benefited from an American Rescue Plan Act award and is seeking funds from the Montana Coal Endowment Program to help fund solutions.

Philipsburg is an historic mining town, and much of the infrastructure comes from this era stretching back to the 1890s. Such is the case with drinking water. The Town owns Fred Burr Reservoir, high in the Flint Creek Mountains. The water is transmitted via gravity to the Town in an approximately seven-mile-long pipeline to the treatment plant.

The Town is planning to go to a filtration plant for drinking water. Early estimates on the overall project are very high, and not funded completely yet. If awarded these funds, the Town can use them with the ARPA funds, and get much of the associated filtration work completed, including water storage, engineering design, some pumps for blended waters, and a pilot study with a proposed filtration solution.

Philipsburg is growing and has completed a stand-alone growth policy and/or community plan. During that process, the community support for infrastructure has risen to the top of community needs.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to reach out to us for any additional information desired.



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