

# THE UNITED STATE(S) OF WATER



## THE SOUTH\*

Ongoing access to clean, safe water is critical to our economy, health, and way of life. Although we live in different parts of the country, Americans are united in our dependence on water and the infrastructure that connects, protects, and supports it.

### WE NEED WATER

The average person living in the South uses **131 gallons** of water per day.



### WE RELY ON REGULAR SERVICE



El Paso Water provides **103 million gallons** to **806,000 people** and receives an average of **62 million gallons of wastewater** each day.

### LOTS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY EXISTS

Florida, a national leader in water reuse, uses **719 million gallons** of reclaimed water per day.



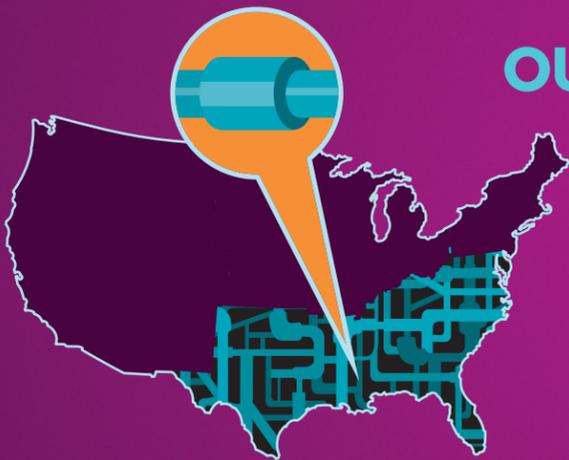
### PROVIDING WATER ISN'T FREE



People who live in the South pay an average of **\$4.46 per 1000 gallons** of drinking water, and **\$6.48 per 1000 gallons** of wastewater they use. In some cases, the true value of water can be as high as **\$30 per 1000 gallons!**\*\*

### OUR SYSTEMS ARE AGING

The median age of Washington, D.C.'s water system is over **80 years old**, and the wastewater pipes are a median age of **85 years old**. Some of the pipes in service today were installed before the Civil War.



### WHAT WE CAN SAVE

**6 trillion gallons** of water, wastewater and stormwater is lost each year in the U.S. to faulty, aging or leaky pipes.



### WHAT WE MUST DO

#### Invest in water, wastewater & stormwater!

In the South, they need **\$886 billion** just to modernize their drinking water systems.



### WE CAN DO THIS

**60%** of Americans say they are willing to pay more for water.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The Eastern U.S. is generally considered to be "water rich" but the water isn't always in the right places. In 2007, all 100 counties in North Carolina experienced drought conditions.

