

The History

The **MOST** was initially approved on July 20, 2004, and reauthorized by voters in 2008 & 2012 by a 3-1 margin. Since 2004, the **MOST** has provided more than \$1 billion to help ensure Atlantans a future of clean, safe drinking water and environmentally sound wastewater treatment.

Happy Valentine's Day

February is American Heart Month.

Drink lots of water
for a healthy heart.



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What you need to know about the

MOST

The Municipal Option Sales Tax is a penny tax on most goods purchased in the City of Atlanta

- **MOST** was created to offset the cost of federally mandated sewer improvements and alleviate higher water and sewer bills for Atlanta residents.
- Visitors and businesspeople who use Atlanta's water system, but do not pay City water and sewer bills help pay to upgrade and maintain our water and sewer mains and treatment facilities.
- Since 2004, the **MOST** has generated more than \$1 billion to help fund needed infrastructure projects.
- The **MOST** is **NOT** a new tax. You're already paying it! This vote is a reauthorization of an existing tax.
- Without the **MOST**, your monthly bill may increase by as much as 30 percent.
- Since 2012, due to the **MOST**, Atlanta has not had to raise water and sewer rates.

VOTE MARCH 1ST

The **MOST** ensures that responsibility for clean water is shared by **all** users.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since 2012 **MOST** reauthorization, Atlanta has reached several major federally mandated sewer improvement project milestones.

The **MOST** helped to complete these major projects on-time and under budget:

- The Peachtree Creek Capacity Relief 10-million gallon Storage Tank and Pump Station helps to alleviate sewer overflows during heavy rain in the Peachtree Creek basin.
- Watershed Management has inspected nearly all of the City's 1,600 miles of sewer lines and has repaired almost one-quarter of sewer mains.
- The separation of 33 miles of combined sewers in the McDaniel, Greensferry and Stockade sewer basins have helped to decrease combined sewer overflows by 75 percent in Downtown and added capacity for development
- Construction of the Nancy Creek, West Area and South River tunnels have helped to reduce sewer overflows throughout the City.

Remember to vote March 1. If you are unsure of the location of your polling place, visit www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

You may also check your voter registration status, mail-in application and ballot status and find early voting locations.

For more information on the MOST please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube@ATLWatershed or visit www.atlantawatershed.org.

What if the reauthorization vote **fails**?

Without the **MOST** revenues, the City's already high water/sewer bills will increase. **Financial consultants estimate that bills may increase by as much as 30 percent.**

TIMING

The **MOST** is on the March 1 primary ballot. If approved by the voters, it will be in effect for four more years.



Ballot Language

Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be reimposed in the City of Atlanta for a period not to exceed 16 calendar quarters and for the raising of not more than seven hundred and fifty million (\$750,000,000) for the purpose of funding water and sewer projects and costs?

Voters supporting reauthorization of the sales tax should vote YES; voters opposing the reauthorization should vote NO.