



City Council/AlexRenew Board CSO Subcommittee/Workgroup

Meeting No. 22

May 8, 2024



Presentation Outline

- Tunnel Project Update
- Community Outreach
- Other Items
 - Lifeline Emergency Assistance Program
 - Disconnects for Nonpayment
 - Environmental Justice
 - FY25 Budget Public Hearing
- Public Comment



A wide-angle, fisheye photograph of a large, circular tunnel under construction. The tunnel's interior is lined with concrete segments, and the floor is covered with blue-tinted water. A large, dark, cylindrical concrete pillar stands in the center. The text "Tunnel Project Update" is overlaid in white, bold font, centered horizontally and partially obscured by a white horizontal line.

Tunnel Project Update

The 2024 General Assembly extended the project's statutory deadline by one year to July 1, 2026

Bill Patrons



Senator
Adam Ebbin



Delegate
David Bulova

Stakeholder Support



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Tunnel construction by the numbers

11,377

feet mined

2,539

rings

15,234

segments

78,200

cubic yards of soil
excavated

RiverRenew Tunnel Project construction update Pendleton and Royal St

Pendleton Street Site



Construction Progress

■ Actual ▨ Planned



Major Activities

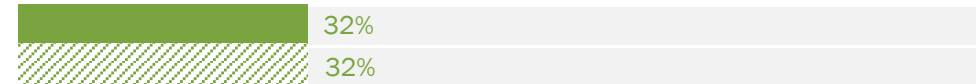
- Pile driving through Summer 2024
- Permanent structure construction through Dec 2024
- Site restoration, landscaping Jan-Feb 2025

Royal Street Site



Construction Progress

■ Actual ▨ Planned



Major Activities

- Deep foundations starting Spring 2024
- Permanent structure construction through Mar 2025
- Site restoration, landscaping Apr-May 2025

*Construction Progress as of April 30, 2023

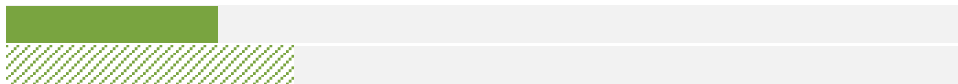
RiverRenew Tunnel Project construction update Hooffs Run and AlexRenew

AlexRenew Site



Construction Progress

■ Actual ▨ Planned



Major Activities

- TBM mining demobilization
- Construction of deep foundations
- Pumping station internals
- Near surface structures

Hooffs Run Interceptor



Construction Progress

■ Actual ▨ Planned

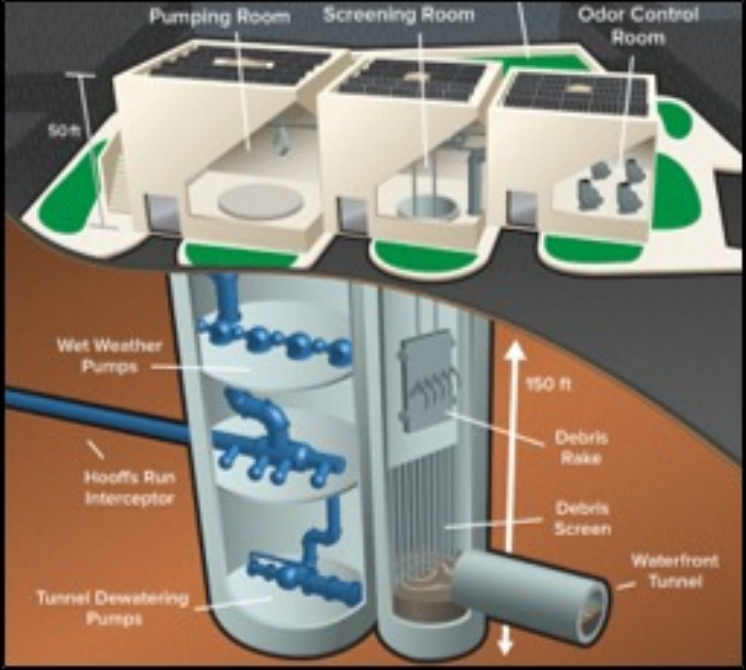


Major Activities

- Open-cut construction through Apr 2024
- Site restoration, landscaping through Aug 2024

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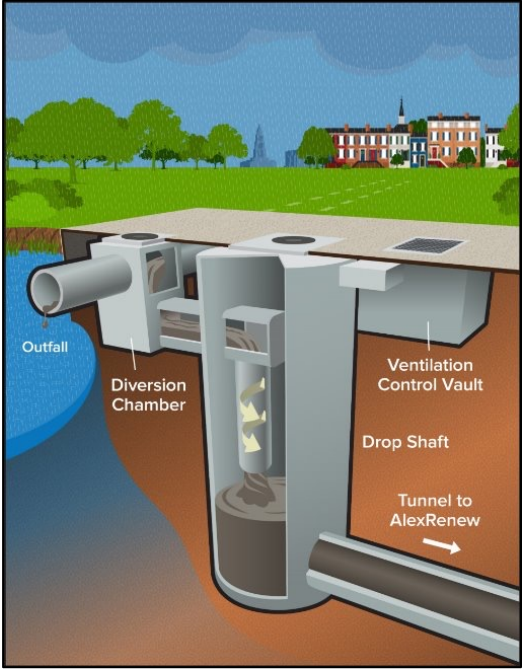
What's next for RiverRenew?



Pump Stations



Superstructure



Near Surface Structures



Community Outreach Update



Upcoming community outreach

- Next SAG Meeting – June 20, 2024
- Hooffs Run Planting Day – Fall 2024
- Pendleton Street Planting Day – Spring 2025

Sip 'n See Events

11am - 1pm

- Hooffs Run – Tuesdays
- Royal Street – Wednesdays
- Pendleton Street – Thursdays



An aerial photograph of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of pink, orange, and purple. In the foreground, there is a large industrial facility with several rectangular basins and a central white cylindrical tank. In the background, a city skyline is visible, featuring various buildings and a prominent tower. A highway with traffic is visible on the left side of the image. The overall scene is a mix of industrial and urban environments.

Other Items of Interest

AlexRenew's Lifeline Emergency Assistance Program launches May 17, 2024



Application Requirements



Must be an AlexRenew account holder



Have a past-due balance of \$100 (\$50 if over 62)



Income \leq 150% of the federal poverty level

- Applicants receive a max disbursement of **\$350 per year**

- A sincere effort of payment amount of \$50 is required for a disbursement (\$25 for senior citizen)




Partnering with:



How can I enroll in LEAP?

- ✓ Call AlexRenew at (703) 851.2340 or one of our partners to determine eligibility
- ✓ Call or visit one of the Alive! locations in Alexandria

 **Alive!**
510 S Van Dorn St
703-837-9300

 **Alive!**
2601 Mt. Vernon Ave
703-837-9300

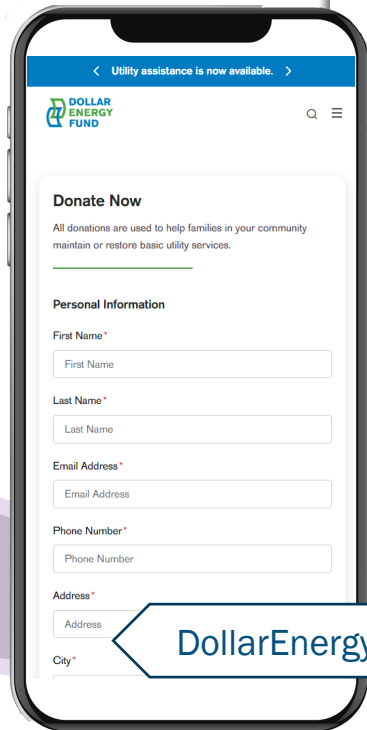

AlexRenew

How do eligible customers receive LEAP funds?

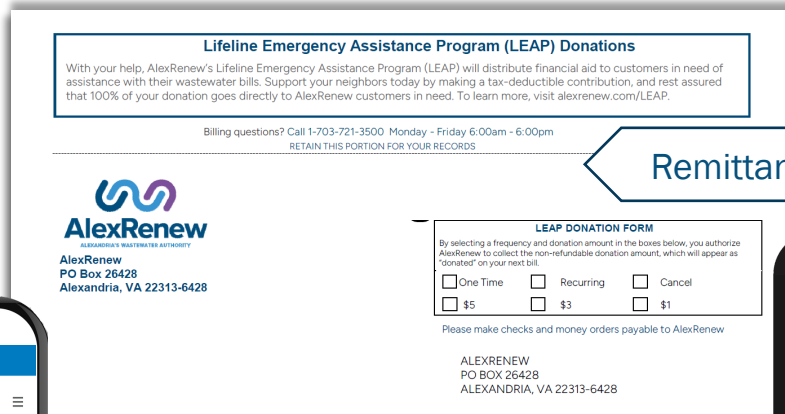
LEAP funds are transferred from Dollar Energy to AlexRenew to be directly applied to customer accounts within AlexRenew's customer care system.



How can I support LEAP?



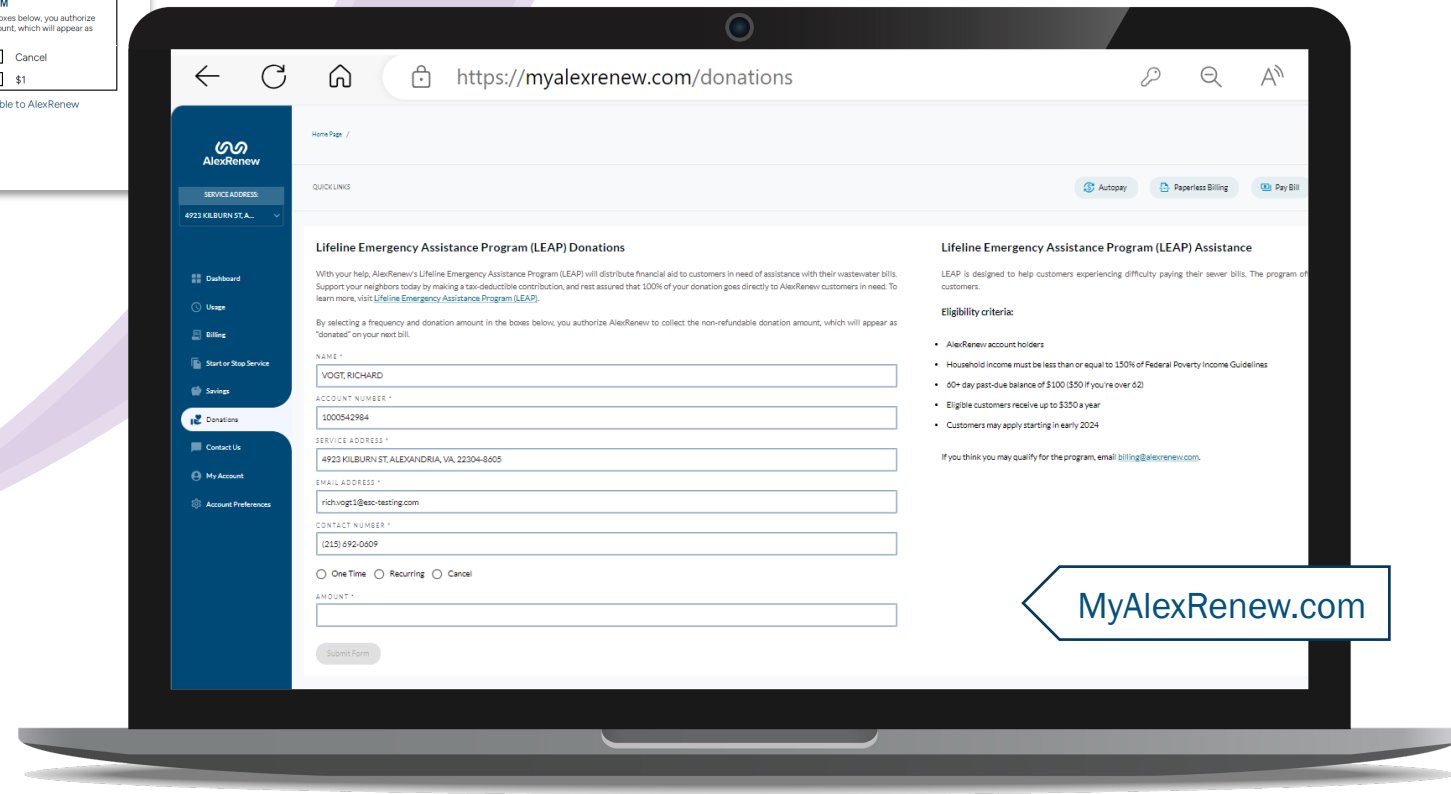
DollarEnergy.com



Remittance Slips



Signage



MyAlexRenew.com

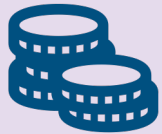
Other funding sources for LEAP



5th floor office space



Donations resulting from
Environmental Center
6th floor usage



Customer billing payments
from city

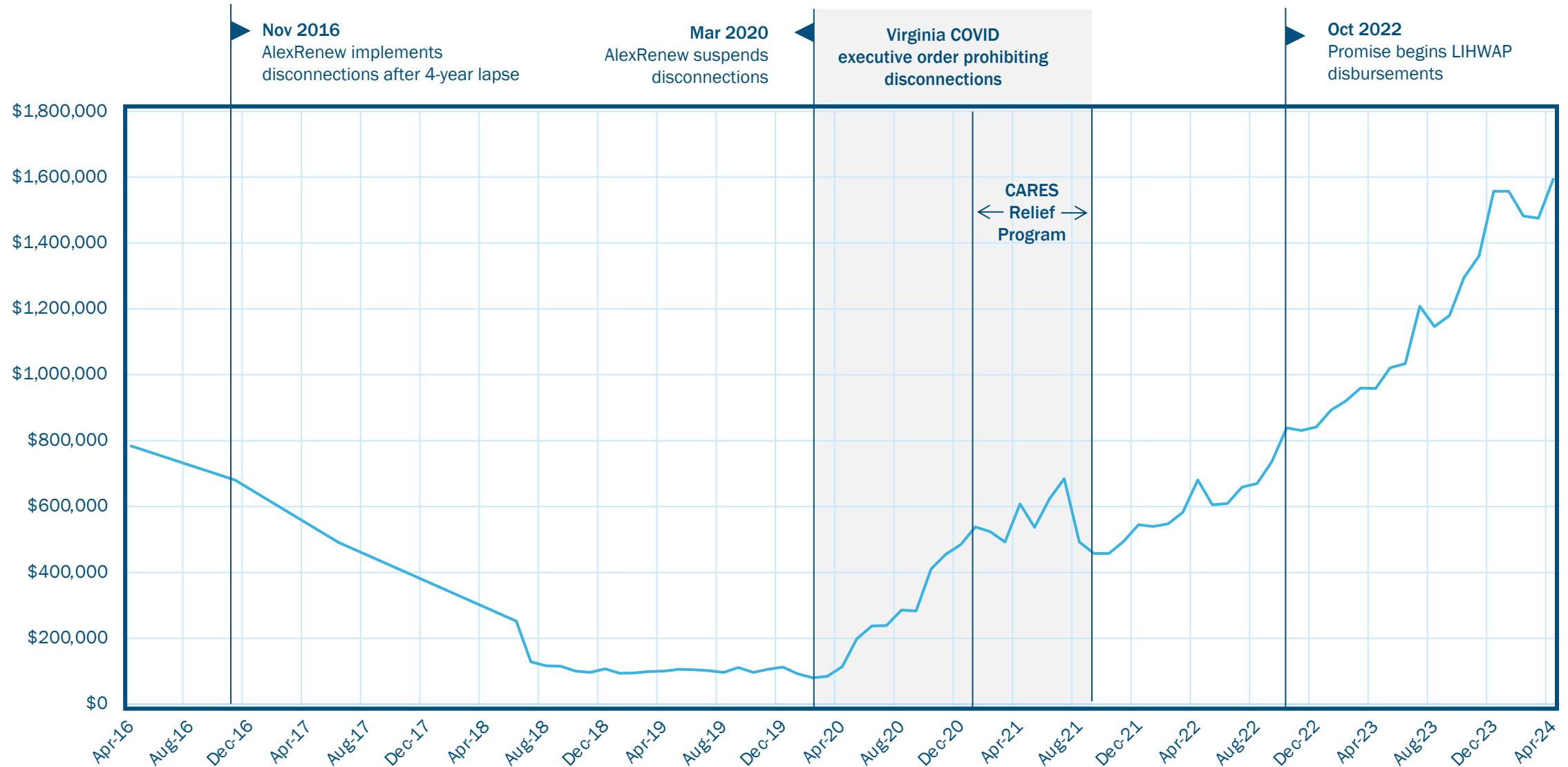


Donations resulting from
parking



Energy demand reduction
program funds

History of AlexRenew arrearages



Summary of AlexRenew's current delinquencies

- Disconnections suspended since Mar 2020, resulting in a \$1.5 million total arrearage
 - Half of the total arrearage value are residential
 - 1,300 residential and 225 commercial accounts are delinquent
- AlexRenew has reached out to delinquent customers since Apr 2023
- Disconnection process to resume in Mar 2024
 - Process takes approximately 90 days
 - Virginia American Water performs disconnections
 - First disconnections are anticipated in Jul 2024
- LEAP is designed to limit disconnections to those struggling to pay their bill
- AlexRenew will not disconnect water for anyone with a documented serious medical condition or current with a payment plan

AlexRenew's Environmental Justice Policy



Environmental Justice Policy

AlexRenew affirms and commits to pursuing the goals of environmental justice to prevent and mitigate disproportionate environmental impacts of its activities on the community it serves. AlexRenew firmly believes that everyone is entitled to safe sanitation and clean waterways at an affordable rate, that no group should bear a disproportionate share of environmental burdens, and that all groups should benefit equitably from environmental improvements resulting from AlexRenew programs.

Environmental justice is the equitable treatment and meaningful engagement of our residents—inclusive of all races, cultures, lifestyles, neighborhoods, and incomes—so we may advance our mission in managing the community's wastewater without placing disproportionate environmental burdens on those we serve. Our work for environmental justice should be intentional and impactful.

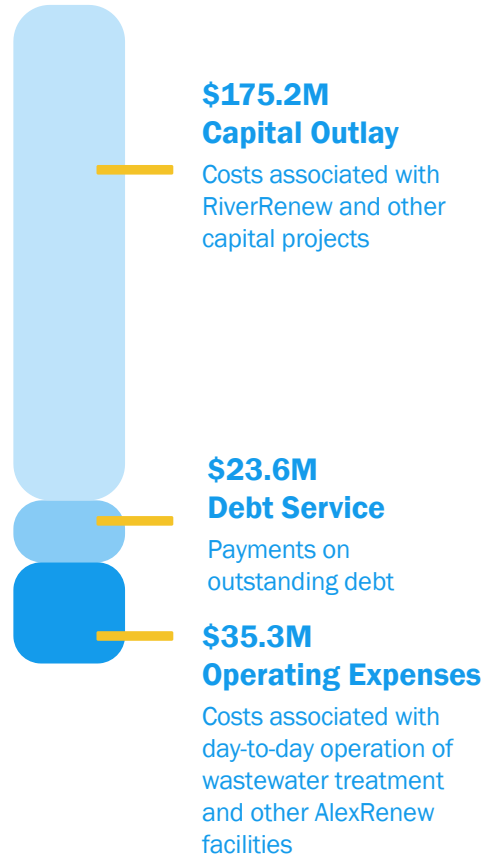
As a single-purpose utility established to manage the community's wastewater, AlexRenew operates and maintains infrastructure that is designed to protect public health and improve the environment. AlexRenew's environmental justice commitment will be guided by meaningful engagement and informed actions to best serve our community. As such, AlexRenew commits to the following actions to promote the goals of environmental justice:

- Assess AlexRenew's existing infrastructure, programs, and projects to identify any potential disproportionate environmental disparities and impacts on those we serve. Develop strategies to address those disparities and impacts through operations and capital investments, including timetables for implementation.
- Conduct environmental justice training on a routine basis to ensure staff are equipped with the appropriate resources to understand the importance, issues, and impacts of AlexRenew programs.
- Develop and implement guidance on the inclusion of environmental justice considerations, procedures, and outcomes in appropriate AlexRenew programs.
- Meaningfully engage stakeholders from a broad cross-section of the community, including socioeconomically vulnerable residents and groups that have been underrepresented in past decision-making processes, during all phases of major programs that have potential to impact the community.
- Practice active listening to understand community impacts associated with AlexRenew programs.
- Develop diverse and culturally appropriate communication strategies to ensure that stakeholders can participate in decisions and actions that may impact our community.
- Create engaging and intentional educational programs to ensure that residents understand the value of their investment in clean water.
- Make decisions with an understanding of the community's residents, history, and economy.
- Develop funding strategies to support equitable and affordable sewer rates within our legal abilities, while implementing and advocating with the City and other utilities for initiatives that offer financial assistance to those in need.
- Coordinate with the City of Alexandria to provide community benefit as part of major programs to help tell the history of disadvantaged populations, where appropriate and practicable.
- Support the City of Alexandria and other public and private entities to establish, strengthen, and maintain key partnerships with community-based, non-profit, faith-based organizations, and businesses in Alexandria, to develop and support affordability and environmental justice initiatives.
- Continuously improve upon AlexRenew programs using best available information as new knowledge becomes available.

- Assess AlexRenew's existing infrastructure and programs—develop strategies to address any disparities
- Develop guidance and conduct training
- Meaningfully engage stakeholders and practice active listening
- Develop diverse communication strategies and engaging educational programs
- Make decisions with an understanding of the community's history
- Develop strategies to support equitable rates
- Coordinate with the City to provide community benefit and maintain key partnerships
- Continuously improve

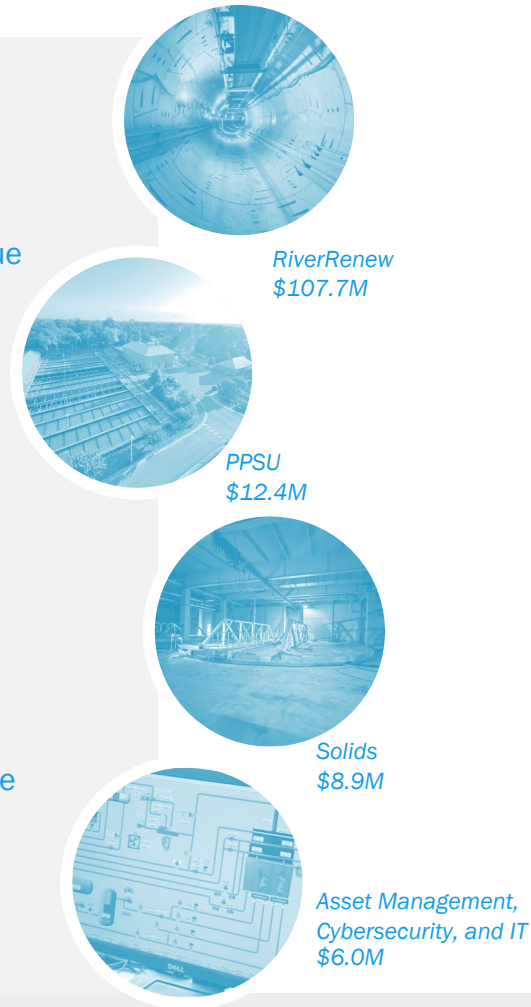
AlexRenew FY2025 Preliminary Draft Budget Snapshot

Expenses | \$234.1M

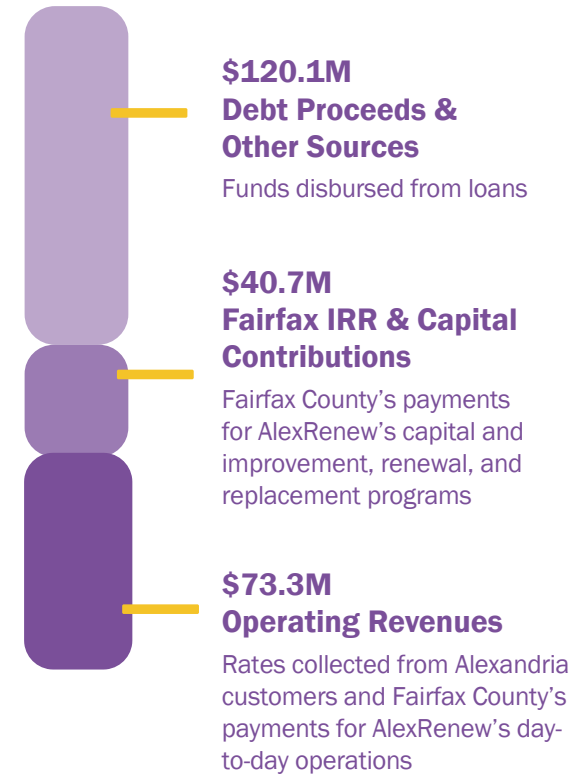


Initiatives

- 19% decrease in **Capital Outlay** due to RiverRenew spending
- 20% increase in **Debt Service** to support RiverRenew, Solids Upgrade, and PPSU
- 7% increase in **Operating Expenses** to support workforce investments



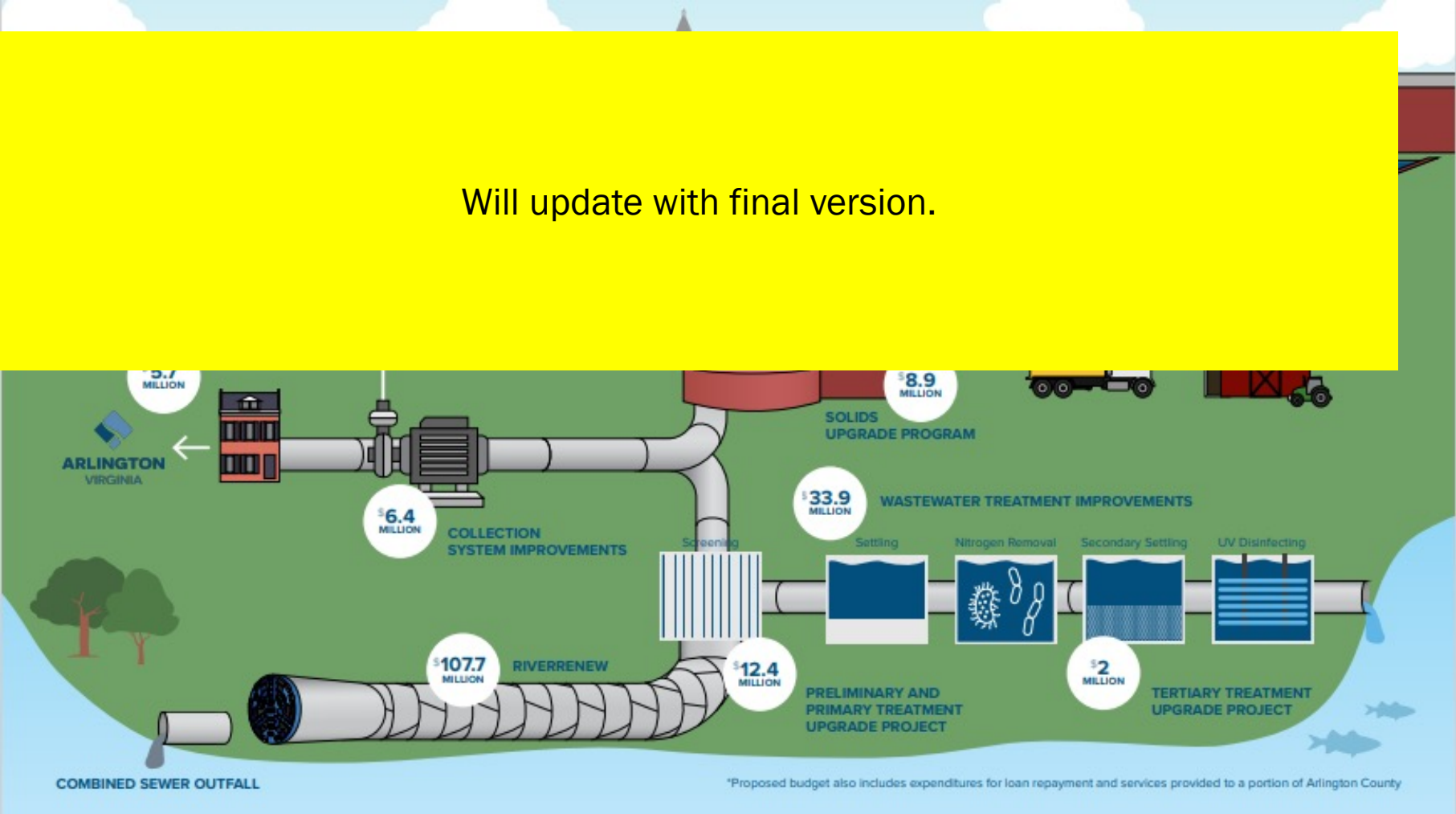
Revenues | \$234.1M



Initiatives

- 10% increase in **Operating Revenues** due to billed flows returning to pre-pandemic levels and rate increase to support RiverRenew

Will update later



AlexRenew will host a public hearing on Saturday, May 18, 2024

Topics for the hearing will include:

- The FY 2025 Capital Operating Budget
- Proposed revisions to the winter quarter average portion of AlexRenew's Rates, Rules, and Regulations.





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