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City to air *Liquid Assets*, a PBS Broadcast

Liquid Assets

The Story of Our Water Infrastructure

Steamboat Springs, Colorado—The City of Steamboat Springs' Public Works department is pleased to present the airing of ***Liquid Assets***, a PBS National Broadcast, produced by WPSU. This ninety-minute documentary tells the story of essential infrastructure systems: water, wastewater, and stormwater.

These systems some over 100 years of age, provide a critical public health function and are essential for economic development and growth, however, in many places have not been maintained. Some estimates suggest this is the single largest public works endeavor in our nation's history. Steve Allbee, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency touches on the severity of this issue, "***We have about 2 million miles of pipe in this nation. If you look at what we're spending now and the investment requirements over the next twenty years, there's a \$540 billion difference.***"

Exploring the history, engineering challenges, and political and economic realities in urban and rural locations, the documentary provides an understanding of the hidden assets that support our way of life. Locations featured in the documentary include Atlanta, Boston, Herminie (Pennsylvania), Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Washington, D.C.

To view ***Liquid Assets*** watch cable channel 6 starting tonight and continuing throughout the month of March, on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 10:00am.

Also stay tuned for an announcement of a public viewing of this video, including a question and answer portion with local representatives from the City of Steamboat Springs, Mount Werner Water and Sanitation District and Steamboat II Metropolitan District.

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