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CITY OF MACOMB BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT

MACOMB, IL- The City of Macomb hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, September 23, 2026 for a new water treatment plant located at the corner of South Ward Street and West Grant Street.

The new water treatment plant represents a significant investment in the City of Macomb's water infrastructure, with an estimated project cost of $42.3 million. The project is being funded through an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan, which includes $6 million in principal forgiveness. The new facility will feature reverse osmosis treatment and include four wells, two 750,000-gallon ground storage tanks, and a new pump station. Designed with built-in redundancy, the facility will provide greater reliability and resiliency while addressing the limitations of the City's aging existing plant.

Construction is expected to begin in September 2026, with completion anticipated in December 2028. Mauer Stutz is serving as the engineering firm and River City Construction as the contractor, with the City working in partnership with the IEPA. The facility will also include space to expand treatment processes to meet future demands, providing increased treatment capacity, improved efficiency, and a long-term investment in Macomb's infrastructure to support the community's continued growth.

"The water treatment plant groundbreaking marks an important investment in the future of Macomb" shared Public Works Director Alice Ohrtmann. "This new water treatment plant will help ensure our residents and businesses have access to safe, reliable, high-quality water while supporting the community's continued growth for generations to come" she added.

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