



Celebrating the Saco River Drinking Water Resource Center!



\$60 million

Generational Investment in clean drinking water for Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Pine Point



Located safely **outside of the flood plain** of the Saco River



New technology and treatment systems increase efficiency with **lower costs and fewer resources needed**, in comparison to old plant

12 million gallons

of drinking water can be produced each day



Achieved Silver Award

Status from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure—the first project of its kind in New England to achieve silver level

Landscaped with **100% native plants**, including a **10,000 square-foot pollinator garden**

250+ acres of land

protected as **open space in perpetuity**, with future plans for public access

100% of electricity

needs will be powered by on-site **solar array beginning in 2023**

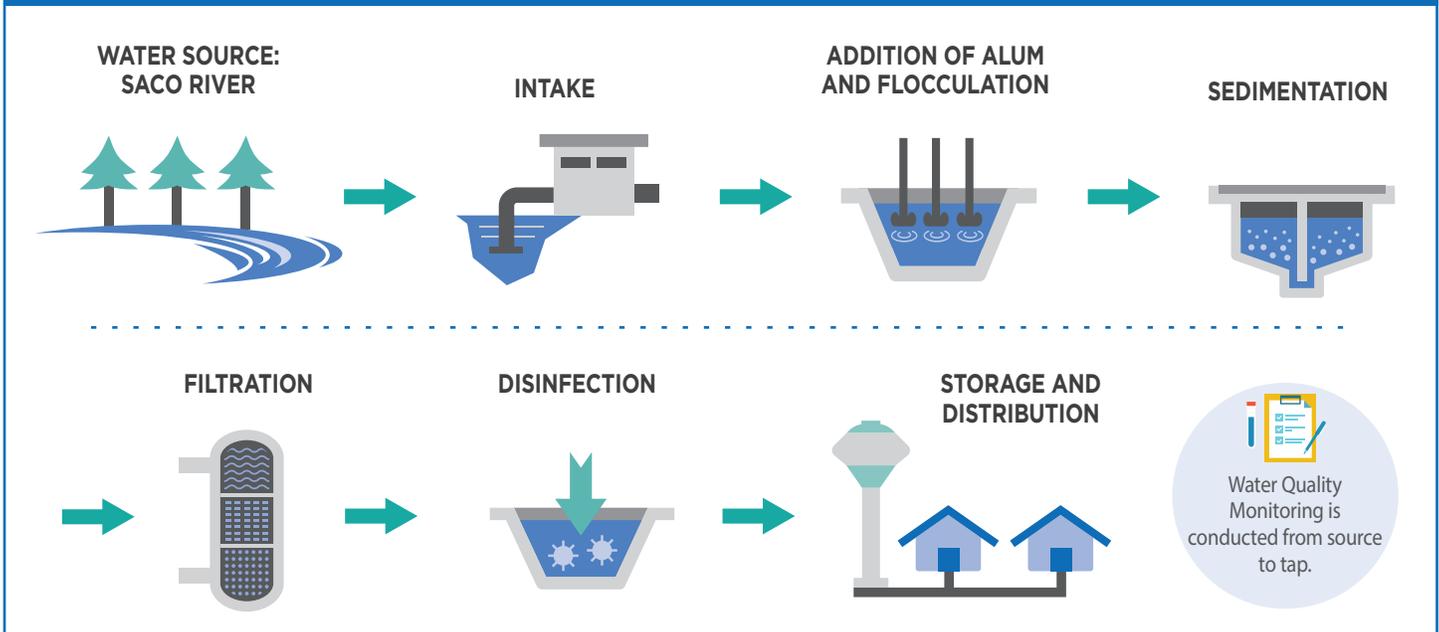


Project included **wetland restoration and revegetation** of previously impervious land



THE SACO RIVER DRINKING WATER RESOURCE CENTER replaces the original Biddeford Water Treatment Plant, first constructed in 1884 when Chester Arthur was president. Electricity wasn't even available at that time. It is located entirely in the 100-year flood plain of the Saco River making it vulnerable to catastrophic flooding. The original plant served the community for 138 years, and the new drinking water resource center is built to meet the needs of local communities for years to come.

Your Water's Journey from Source to Tap



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Through our 2019 affiliation with SJW Group, Maine Water was able to access the capital funds needed to create this state-of-the-art center, which will provide generations of Mainers with high-quality, reliable water service. This project has been years in the making and our combination of local expertise with national size and strength comes together to benefit the communities of Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Pine Point.
 - MARK VANNOY, PRESIDENT
 MAINE WATER
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The new Saco River Drinking Water Resource Center is a key infrastructure asset for the Biddeford-Saco community. Maine Water and its project partners deserve to be commended for their conscious design efforts to respond to near- and long-term community needs, while rehabilitating environmental functions and the reliance of the facility as the main drinking water facility for the Biddeford-Saco region. This Envision Silver award is testament to Maine Water's leadership and commitment to sustainability.
 - MELISSA PENEYCAD, MANAGING DIRECTOR
 INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE
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I want to congratulate Maine Water on this project. This is a great project for Biddeford Saco, it's going to mean a lot to the community.
 - SENATOR ANGUS KING
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Biddeford is seeing remarkable revitalization and a lot of local investment. But to do that we need strong, secure and healthy infrastructure. Maine Water has been delivering that for a number of years. They've been very impressive with what they do. Biddeford is really proud to host this major investment by Maine Water.
 - ALAN CASSAVANT
 BIDDEFORD MAYOR
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The Saco River Drinking Water Resource Center will help us to deliver on our mission to thousands of residents of Maine as we deliver life-sustaining, high-quality water and exceptional service while protecting the environment and enhancing our communities.
 - ERIC THORNBURG, CHAIR, PRESIDENT AND CEO
 SJW GROUP
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