

City of Chippewa Falls

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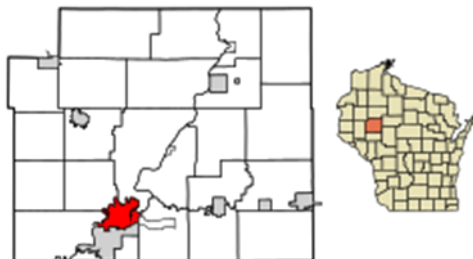
Wastewater Supervisor

The City of Chippewa Falls is seeking a dynamic candidate who demonstrates strong leadership and supervisory skills for its next Wastewater Supervisor.



WHO WE ARE

Chippewa Falls is a city located on the Chippewa River in Chippewa County, Wisconsin, United States. The current population estimate is 15,292. Incorporated as a city in 1869, it is the county seat of Chippewa County. The city's name originated from its location on the Chippewa River, which is named after the Ojibwe. It is a principal city of the Eau Claire–Chippewa Falls metropolitan area. Chippewa Falls is located along the north bank of the Chippewa River approximately three miles west of Lake Wissota. According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 11.86 square miles, of which 11.32 square miles is land and 0.54 square miles is water. Chippewa Falls is situated along U.S. Highway 53, Wisconsin Highways 124 and 178, and Bus. WIS 29. Other routes include Wisconsin Highway 29; and County Highways J, Q, S, and X.



OUR HISTORY

For thousands of years the Chippewa River was a water highway through a wilderness of forests and swamps, travelled by Ojibwe people, Lakota and others. More recently, Native Americans guided European explorers up the river and around the Falls. Pierre LeSueur "discovered" the Chippewa Spring in



1700 when this area was part of New France. Jonathan Carver traveled up the river with his party in 1768 when the area was claimed by Britain. The settlement of the Chippewa Falls area began in 1838. The Chippewa River's watershed held a huge amount of valuable timber creating a successful logging opportunity which lead to Chippewa Falls being chosen as the County seat in 1854. When railroads arrived in the 1870's, Chippewa Falls became a dominate logging area. Realizing that logging was not inexhaustible, by the early 1900's Chippewa Falls began promoting more diverse industries. And in 1972, computer scientist Seymour Cray founded Cray Research in Chippewa Falls after having previously established a laboratory there while working at Control Data Corporation. The company was notable for creating the Cray-1 supercomputer, developed and produced in the city, which was the first commercially successful supercomputer.

OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The City of Chippewa Fall operates under a City Council form of government which consists of an elected Mayor and elected Alderman representing 7 districts throughout the Community. There are 12 departments within the City; City Clerk, Finance & Administration, Fire & EMS, Inspection & Zoning, Library, Parks-Recreation & Forestry, Planning & Economic Development, Police, Public Works, Streets, Transit and Utilities. There are multiple Commissions, Boards and Committees that that link the Council and departments.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

The Public Works Department strives to provide unsurpassed quality services to the citizens of Chippewa Falls in the most efficient manner. In addition, the Department promotes business, residential and commercial growth and a high quality of life. The Department aims to keep citizens well informed, active and participating in community life and to protect the Chippewa River, Duncan Creek and the local environment.

The City of Chippewa Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility is located on the western edge of the city, adjacent to the Chippewa River. The purpose of the facility is to remove waste from the sanitary sewer system waters before discharging the treated water into the Chippewa River. The facility is owned and operated by the City of Chippewa Falls Department of Public Utilities.

The facility provides physical and biological treatment to obtain a "secondary level" of treatment. The treatment plant is designed to treat a flow of 4.5 million gallons per day (MGD) and produce an

effluent quality of less than 25 mg/l biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), less than 30 mg/l total suspended solids (TSS), and less than 1.3 mg/l total phosphorus (TP). The wastewater rates are set by the Common Council. The Wastewater Treatment Plant operating rules are set by the Common Council and can be reviewed in Chapter 13 of the City Ordinances.

THE WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR POSITION

The Wastewater Supervisor position is responsible for all aspects of the Wastewater Utility. Plans, organizes and directs the operation of a 4.5 MGD Advanced Grade wastewater treatment facility, 13 lift stations and the sanitary sewer collection system for the City of Chippewa Falls. The position supervises 6-9 Wastewater Treatment/Collection System Operators, and Wastewater Lab Analyst. The Wastewater Supervisor reports directly to the Director of Public Works/Utility Manager.

MANAGEMENT STYLE & ATTRIBUTES

The ideal candidate will be an effective leader who motivates others, possesses strong delegation, management and organizational skills, displays a positive personality, strong personnel management skills, excellent verbal communication and problem solving, is a team player who exemplifies positive relationships within the department, city and community.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

A Bachelor's Degree (BA) from a four-year college or university; and four to six years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must possess or acquire the following advanced WI DNR Certifications within the time frames listed below:

- Become Operator Advanced (OA) within 18 months of hire date
- Required Subclasses (Must be advanced in 3 of the following subclasses before hire and must obtain the other subclasses within 18 months of hire date)
 - B (Solids Separation)
 - A1 (Biological Treatment Suspended Growth)
 - C (Biological solids Sludge Handling, Processing, and Reuse)
 - D (Disinfection)
 - P (Nutrient Removal – Total Phosphorus)
 - L- (Laboratory)
- Additional Subclass (Must obtain within 24 months of hire date)
 - SS (Sanitary Sewerage Collection System)
- Maintain required certifications for Operator in Charge after obtaining
- 1-3 years supervisory experience preferred
- Valid Driver's License.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

This position is posted with a competitive salary range of \$78,956.06 - \$96,200.30 with a comprehensive benefits package, including participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System, as well as health, disability, and life insurance benefits. Starting salary will be DOQ.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in this great career opportunity, email your resume, cover letter and professional references to khackbarth@mcmgrp.com. Applicants are required to submit this information by 5:00 PM, September 25, 2026 (open until filled). Questions regarding the position can be directed to Russ Van Gompel, Public Management Specialist at McMahon Associates, at rvangompel@mcmgrp.com. For more information, click here to find the [City of Chippewa Falls Wastewater Supervisor position on the McMahon website](#).

MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS

EDUCATION

The Chippewa Falls Area School District (CFSD) serves the city of Chippewa Falls. It has two high schools: Chippewa Falls Senior High and Chippewa Falls Alternate High School; two middle schools: Chippewa Falls Middle School, and Chippewa Falls Alternate Middle School; and six elementary schools: Parkview, Hillcrest, Southview, Stillson, Halmstad, and Jim Falls Elementary.

In addition, there are several parochial schools: McDonell Central Catholic High School, Notre Dame Middle School, Holy Ghost, St. Charles, and St. Peter Elementary Schools, all of which are part of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS).

RECREATION

The City of Chippewa Falls has 20 Community and Neighborhood Parks, 3 State Parks and Recreation Areas within 30 minutes and 22 State Parks and Recreation Areas within 2 hours. The department boasts beautiful parks and various organized recreation programs, dedicating itself to providing meaningful leisure activities for enriched living at every age.

Additional information about the City of Chippewa Falls can be found on the City website:

<https://www.chippewafalls-wi.gov/>

The City of Chippewa Falls is an equal opportunity employer.

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