

# WATER: A Driver of Economic Development

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#### **RWA Community**

- > 118,000 homes & businesses
  - > 430,000 people
  - 15 towns and municipalities
  - > 260 square miles
- > 45 MG/day average demand
- > >27,000 acres of land

RWA has a presence and an impact.





#### **How RWA Does Business**

Higher Purpose

We seek to provide value beyond profits

Community Orientation

We serve the needs of the community

Conscious Leadership

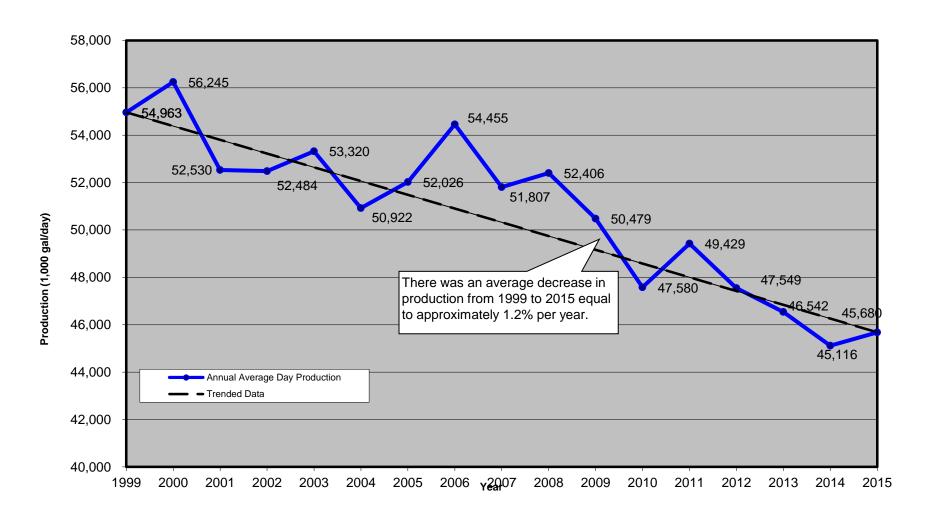


Conscious Culture

The social fabric of our company reflects our conscious intent



# Daily Water Production Trend





# Target Industry Analysis

#### Overview of the Process

- Retained Blane Canada to conduct the study
- Reviewed previous studies and industry requirements
- Identified appropriate water-intensive industry sectors
  - Matched regional capabilities with industry sectors
  - Considered industries already present in the region
- Recommended best prospects

### Water-Intensive Industries Analyzed

- **Apparel**
- Beverages
- Chemical/Pharma
- **Coal Products**
- **Food Processing**
- **Forest Products**
- **Paper Products**

- Refining
- Semiconductors/Electronics
- **Medical Devices**
- **Transportation Equipment**
- **Metal Mining**
- Utility

# Water-Intensive Industry Targets











### Beverage Manufacturing

- Highest Percentage of Annual Growth 2 sectors
  - Breweries 2.1%, and Distilleries 1.6%
- Forecast Growth 2 sectors
  - Distilleries 4.6%, and Bottled Water 3.1%
- Target Potential
  - 351 HQ companies in the United States and Canada
- Highest Concentrations
  - California, Ontario, New York and Texas

# Chemical/Pharma Processing

- Inorganic Chemicals
- **Organic Chemicals**
- Plastics/Resins
- Fertilizer
- **Pesticides**
- **Brand Name Pharmaceuticals**

- **Generic Pharmaceuticals**
- Vitamins/Supplements
- Paints, Adhesives
- Soap/Cleaning Compounds
- Cosmetics/Beauty Products

# Chemical/Pharma Processing

- **Highest Percentage of Annual Growth 4 sectors** 
  - Organic Chemicals 11.2%, Vitamins/Supplements 7.4%, Generic Pharmaceuticals 6.8%, and Plastics/Resins 5.6%
- Forecast Growth 4 sectors
  - Vitamins/Supplements 5.5%, Cosmetics/Beauty Products 4.9%, **Generic Pharmaceuticals 4.8%, and Pesticides 3.4%**
- **Target Potential** 
  - 1,534 HQ companies in the United States and Canada
- **Highest Concentrations** 
  - New Jersey, California, Texas and New York

### **Food Processing**

- Malt Manufacturing
- Chocolate/Candy
- Fruit/Vegetable Products
- Frozen Foods
- Dairy Products
- Seafood
- Snacks

- Coffee Production
- Tea Production
- Flavorings
- Seasonings

### Food Processing

- **Highest Percentage of Annual Growth 4 sectors** 
  - Malt Manufacturing 8.7%, Coffee 7.5%, Tea 6.3%, and Dairy Products 5.8%
- Forecast Growth 3 sectors
  - Malt Manufacturing 4.7%, Candy Production 3.0%, and Tea **Production 3.0%**
- **Target Potential** 
  - 1,282 HQ companies United States and Canada
- **Highest Concentrations** 
  - California, Ontario, New York and Quebec

#### Semiconductors/Electronics

- **Communications Equipment**
- Semiconductors/Circuits
- **Medical Devices**
- **Navigational Instruments**





#### Semiconductors/Electronics

- Highest Percentage of Annual Growth 2 sectors
  - Semiconductors/Circuits 4.8%, Medical Devices 3.6%
- Forecast Growth 2 sectors
  - Medical Devices 7.1%, and Navigational Instruments 3.3%
- Target Potential
  - 1,418 HQ companies in the United States and Canada
- Highest Concentrations
  - California, New York, Texas and Massachusetts

#### Transportation Equipment

- Metal Stamping/Forging
- Wire/Spring Manufacturing
- Ball Bearings
- Metalworking Machinery
- **Engines/Turbines**
- Batteries, Wires/Cables

- Wiring Devices
- **Power Conversion Equipment**
- **Automobile Electronics**

#### **Transportation Equipment**

- Highest Percentage of Annual Growth 4 sectors
  - Power Conversion Equipment 12.8%, Wires/Cables 10.5%,
     Engines/Turbines 8.3%, and Metal Stamping/Forging 6.4%
- Forecast Growth 4 sectors
  - Metal Stamping/Forging 4.4%, Power Conversion Equipment 4.2%,
     Wiring Devices 3.7%, and Wires/Cables 3.6%
- Target Potential
  - 1,408 HQ companies in the United States and Canada
- Highest Concentrations
  - Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and California

# **Competitive Analysis**

#### **Competitor Areas**

- Milwaukee County, WI
- Montgomery County, OH (Dayton)
- Monroe County, NY (Rochester)
- Worcester County, MA
- Washtenaw County, MI (Ann Arbor)
- Tippecanoe County, IN (Lafayette)

#### **Comparative Process**

- **Population**
- Income
- Labor Force
- Wages
- **Industry Presence**
- **Electricity Rates**

- Cost of Living
- Water Rates
- Wastewater Rates
- Tax Climate
- Real Estate Availability

#### Site Selection On-Site Assessment

Process Of Elimination

Speed Of Response

Regional Cooperation

#### Site Selection Visit Observations

- Out-of-state competitors value the region
- Prospect industries noted warehouse and distribution centers
- Regional advantages:
  - ✓ Educated workforce, quality of life, waterfront and restaurants
  - ✓ Lower costs than NY and Boston
- CT scores poorly on cost-focused rankings
- CT does well on rankings emphasizing innovation

### Competitive Highlights

#### **Disadvantages**

- Lack of quality buildings
- Lack of quality sites
- High comparative cost of living
- High labor rates
- Per capita income and wages
- Industrial electric rates
- Unions
- Slow and uncertain approvals
- Bureaucracy
- National perception

#### Middling

- Tax climate
- Water and wastewater rates
- Highest number Graduate,
   Professional and Doctorate
   Degree category

### Competitive Highlights

#### **Advantages**

- Innovation industries
- Abundance of water
- Available, skilled, specialized workforce
- High employment growth
- Higher unemployment rate
- Higher educational attainment
- Access to highly populated market
- Competitive within Northeast where competes most heavily

#### Tying It Together

- A lack of available sites and buildings limit opportunity
- Large water users often require high volumes of electricity
- High water use parallels high waste water disposal
  - ✓ Essential collaboration with communities
- Low-hanging fruit for recruitment, also low water demand
- The competition:
  - ✓ Regional states
  - ✓ National or international
- Value focus

#### What's Next

- Completed site selector calls
- Define long-term vision
- Develop and implement marketing strategy
- Collaboration among key economic development organizations

# Questions/Comments

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