



## Wayne County executive joins in urging Flint, Genesee County to end pipeline plans



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GENESEE COUNTY, MI -- Flint and the county are getting more advice about plans to build a [water pipeline](#) to Lake Huron from Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano.

"At a time when (the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department) has made substantial progress in its operational and financial performance, it does not make sense for our neighbors in Genesee County to leave the system," Ficano said in a news release. "Further evaluation should lead to the conclusion that it is in the best interests of Flint and Genesee County to stay and work with the other DWSD stakeholders to make additional improvements for the benefit of all our residents.

"Unless this ill-conceived proposal is reconsidered, I am concerned that it will result in increased costs for the communities that remain, and increased water rates for our customers, which is unacceptable," the statement said.

The news release comes as Flint and Genesee County consider a [best final offer](#) on a new 30-year contract to continue buying water from DWSD as they prepare to start construction on the pipeline through the Karegnondi Water Authority next month.

Ficano's comments come in the same week Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson called the pipeline "[a huge waste of taxpayer dollars.](#)"