TAP Into the Future
When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.

- Benjamin Franklin
The Hillsborough River has provided Tampa’s drinking water since 1924.
• Tampa receives about 50 inches of rainfall annually – most of it between June and September.
• During our drier, warmer months, or when less than normal rainfall is received, the river can become stressed and unable to meet Tampa’s daily demand for drinking water.
Not relying on Tampa Bay Water to augment our water supply helps us keep our water rates as low as possible and increases the stability of our community and our future.
Tampa’s drinking water production plant site in the early 1920s and same site in more recent years.
• DLT Water Treatment Facility has been the nucleus of the City of Tampa’s drinking water production for more than 90 years.
• The original plant was capable of producing about 20 million gallons of water a day.
• Today, the plant is capable of producing 120 million gallons a day – about 45 million gallons above our average daily demand and an amount that exceeds the volume source water currently available from the Hillsborough River.
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Water Production a 24/7 Job
• Ongoing lab testing of raw and of finished water to ensure highest possible quality at point of use.
• ~7,500 water samples collected annually.
• ~32,000 tests for more than 100 regulated and unregulated contaminants commonly found in drinking water.
From the intake of raw water from the reservoir to placing finished water in clearwell storage for distribution takes about 10 to 12 hours.
We care about producing the best drinking water possible because we care about the men, women and children who live, work and play in Tampa.
The City of Tampa is conducting a potable reuse study that can provide our community with a safe, affordable, sustainable water supply for today and for tomorrow.

**Potential Project Benefits**

1. Provide a new, safe, local, cost-effective, drought-resistant and sustainable source of drinking water for our community.

2. Help protect and enhance important environmental resources such as the Hillsborough River – our primary water source – Hillsborough Bay and Tampa Bay.

3. Provide Tampa with the ability to manage its water resources for the highest and best use.
PROJECT TIMELINE

- **Project Kickoff**
  - June 2016

- **Summary of Alternatives Investigations**
  - May 2017

- **Plant Improvement Recommendation**
  - August 2017

- **TAP Feasibility Report**
  - April 2018

- **Inventory of Regulatory Requirements**
  - April 2017

- **Pipeline Route Analysis**
  - June 2017

- **Preliminary Permitting**
  - January 2018
After completing the investigative part of the project, the work continues to gain approvals from regulatory agencies, community leaders and, most importantly, our customers.
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