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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to consider the use of resource preservation techniques in certain programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Mrs. SYKES (for herself and Mr. BRESNAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Water Preservation
5 and Affordability Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESOURCE PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES.**

7 (a) **DEFINITION OF RESOURCE PRESERVATION**
8 **TECHNIQUE.**—Section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution

1 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is amended by adding at
2 the end the following:

3 “(28) RESOURCE PRESERVATION TECH-
4 NIQUE.—The term ‘resource preservation technique’
5 means any process, material, technique, or tech-
6 nology that—

7 “(A) addresses water efficiency, including
8 water reuse, recapture, and conservation;

9 “(B) addresses energy efficiency;

10 “(C) mitigates stormwater runoff;

11 “(D) encourages sustainable project plan-
12 ning, design, and construction; or

13 “(E) is environmentally innovative.”.

14 (b) CAPITALIZATION GRANT AGREEMENT.—Section
15 602(b)(13)(B) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
16 (33 U.S.C. 1382(b)(13)(B)) is amended by striking “the
17 potential for efficient water use, reuse, recapture, and con-
18 servation, and energy conservation” and inserting “the use
19 of resource preservation techniques”.

20 (c) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN
21 FUNDS.—Section 603 of the Federal Water Pollution
22 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by striking subpara-
24 graph (E) and inserting the following:

1 “(E) for a treatment works proposed for
2 repair, replacement, or expansion, and eligible
3 for assistance under subsection (c)(1), the re-
4 cipient of a loan shall evaluate, and will use, to
5 the maximum extent practicable, resource pres-
6 ervation techniques for purposes of carrying out
7 the repair, replacement, or expansion;” and
8 (2) in subsection (i)(1), by striking subpara-
9 graph (B) and inserting the following:

10 “(B) to use resource preservation tech-
11 niques.”.

12 (d) WASTEWATER EFFICIENCY GRANT PILOT PRO-
13 GRAM.—Section 222(e) of the Federal Water Pollution
14 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1302(e)) is amended by striking
15 paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
17 appropriated to carry out this section \$40,000,000
18 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031, to re-
19 main available until expended.”.

20 (e) CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY
21 AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM.—Section 223(g)(1) of
22 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
23 1302a(g)(1)) by striking “\$25,000,000 for each of fiscal

- 1 years 2022 through 2026” and inserting “\$50,000,000 for
- 2 each of fiscal years 2026 through 3031”.

