

Closing the Water Access Gap in the United States/A National Action Plan: U.S. Water Alliance/Dig Deep Report



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The organizations U.S. Water Alliance and Dig Deep (collectively “Alliance”) issued a report titled:

Closing the Water Access Gap in the United States – A National Action Plan (“Report”)

The *Report* describes itself as an analysis of the water and sanitation access challenges in the United States.

The *Report* notes that access to “clean, reliable running water and safe sanitation are baseline conditions for health, prosperity and wellbeing.” Concern is expressed that such baseline conditions are “out of reach for some of the most vulnerable people of the United States” which are identified as:

- Communities of color
- Lower-income people in rural areas
- Tribal communities
- Others

Two million Americans are stated to lack access to:

- Running water
- Indoor plumbing
- Wastewater services

The *Report* contains a proposal it describes as ensuring equitable water access (in our lifetimes). Also stated to be identified are opportunities for actions by:

- The water sector
- Government agencies
- Philanthropy
- Nonprofits
- Public

The *Report* discusses what are characterized as “promising approaches” communities have developed to ensure residents can have access to water and wastewater.

The *Report* includes three parts:

- What the Data Tells Us – Analyzing Water and Sanitation Access
- Who is Affected – Understanding the Water Access Gap through Six Case Studies
- What to Do About It – An Action Plan

A copy of the *Report* can be downloaded [here](#).