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Four Arkansas Counties Receive Water and Wastewater Project Funding

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Commission approved \$4,055,926 for water and wastewater projects serving 1,095 people in four Arkansas counties on September 15, 2021. The projects are as follows:

- **The Springdale Water & Sewer Commission** in Washington County received a \$2,054,083 loan and a \$1,000,000 loan with principal forgiveness from the Arkansas Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program to be used for improvements to the Bethel Heights Wastewater System and remediation of the Bethel Heights treatment plants. This project will include constructing approximately 6,000 linear feet of a sanitary gravity sewer main to alter existing flows from the former Bethel Heights wastewater system to the Springdale wastewater collection system. The former Bethel Heights wastewater collection system had approximately 615 customers.
- **The City of Fisher** in Poinsett County received an \$83,843.20 grant from the Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities General Obligation Bond Fund to pay off the outstanding balance on a prior loan. The City of Hickory Ridge and the City of Fisher have agreed to regionalize Fisher’s sewer system into the Hickory Ridge sewer system with Hickory Ridge providing all necessary operation and maintenance. Fisher’s former wastewater system served approximately 70 customers.
- **The Fouche Island Drainage District No. 2** in Pulaski County received additional loan funding up to \$618,000 from the Water Development Fund to complete a previously approved levee relocation project.
- **The Lost Bridge Village Water & Sewer Improvement District No. 1 & 2** in Benton County received \$300,000 in additional funding from the Arkansas Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund for its new wastewater treatment plant project. The customer base for this project is 410.

More information about the Natural Resource Division’s water and wastewater programs can be found at <https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/> or by contacting Debby Dickson at debra.dickson@arkansas.gov or 501-682-0548. Learn more about the Arkansas Department of Agriculture at <https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/>.