REGION XI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Utilities Infrastructure Development Report

This Utilities Infrastructure Development Report offers an in-depth look at our grant administration activities over the last 4 years, highlighting past, present and future projects across Region XI

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Note: This report includes projects administered by the Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council (BH). Questions concerning specific projects can be answered by calling Carlo Fabian or Ben Erste (740) 282-3685, ext. 211/204.

REGION XI PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TEAM

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Section I
Funding Source Information

WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROCESS

Overview

The State of West Virigina requires all projects that involved or may involve State funding to proceed through the Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC) Preliminary Application and Approval process. This includes (1) Project Initiation, (2) Preliminary Application, (3) Preliminary Approval by Technical Review Committee, and (4) Preliminary Approval by Full IJDC Council.

The project may proceed forward once the IJDC has approved the preliminary application. The IJDC process verifies the project that has a completed Preliminary Engineering Report, Rule 42 Financial Analysis, Sponsor Authorizations & Attestations, and a Viable Funding Scenario.

Project Team Responsibilities

Sponsor
The organization/utility that is requesting funding and approval of an infrastructure project. The primary responsibility of the Sponsor is to successfully hire and direct their project team in the completion of the identified project

Administrator
The Administrator is the individual who has been certified to provide oversight on the project and is responsible for among other things: assisting the Sponsor in the process of hiring the right project team, as needed; pre-screening of the project; Project Initiation Form; Preliminary Application (Administrator portion); Pre-Bid Schedule B; Binding Commitment Request; Bid Authorization Request; Bid Underrun/Overrun Request; Closing Post-Bid Schedule B; Wiring Instructions Form; Draw Schedule Maintenance Form; Closing Request; Draw Requests; and Budget Revisions.

Engineer
The Engineer must be a licensed Registered Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of West Virginia. The Engineer is the individual who is responsible for the engineering plans and specifications, as well as other duties outlined in the Engineering Agreement including Preliminary Application (Engineer Portion), Design, Bidding & Negotiation, Engineering During Construction, Inspection, and Special Services.

Accountant
The Accountant must be a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of West Virginia. The Accountant is the individual who is responsible for assisting the Sponsor with rate-related calculations and documentation, as well as other duties outlined in the Accounting Agreement, including the Preliminary Application (Accountant Portion), Rule 42, Cash Flow Statement, and CPA Certification.

Legal Counsel (Local, PSC, and/or Bond)
The Legal Counsel(s) must be licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia. The Legal Counsel are the individual(s) responsible for performing the duties outlined in the applicable legal agreement(s), including Title Agreements, Closing Documents, and resolving legal disputes.

AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES

All funding agencies engage in different processes for securing funding. State agencies start the process in the IJDC Preliminary Application while Federal agencies often use Grants.gov or a different, comparable online submission system. Below is a non-comprehensive list of funding sources involved in regional infrastructure projects.

Federal List

- **FEMA**: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is an agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, tasked with coordinating federal responses to disasters. FEMA provides funding for Hazard Mitigation and cleanup activities.
- **USDA**: The United States Department of Agriculture is a federal executive department responsible for developing and executing policy on farming, agriculture, forestry, food safety, nutrition, and rural development. USDA provides funding for Rural Development projects in rural areas including cities under 10,000 population.
- **US EDA**: The U.S. Economic Development Administration, part of the Department of Commerce, is the only federal agency exclusively dedicated to economic development, empowering distressed communities to create jobs, promote innovation, and accelerate sustainable growth.
- **US EPA**: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is an independent federal agency created in 1970 to protect human health and the environment. It develops and enforces regulations based on laws passed by Congress, covering air, water, and land pollution, and conducts research, education, and cleanup activities. Many Congressionally Directed Spending requests flow through EPA.
- **USACE**: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a major military engineering branch and public engineering agency. It manages national infrastructure, including navigation, flood risk management, hydropower, and disaster recovery.

State List

- **ARC**: The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership investing in West Virginia's economic development. For FY2025, it is supporting 60 projects with $29.9 million, focusing on infrastructure (broadband, water), workforce training, and manufacturing.
- **IJDC**: The West Virginia Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council (IJDC), created in 1994, is the state's primary funding clearinghouse for water and wastewater infrastructure projects. It manages loans and grants
- **WDA**: The West Virginia Water Development Authority (WDA) is a state agency established in 1972 to provide financial assistance, such as loans and grants, for water and wastewater infrastructure projects. It helps municipalities and public service districts improve water quality, protect health, and manage infrastructure funding, acting as the fiduciary of the WV Infrastructure Fund.
- **CWSRF**: The West Virginia Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is a state-managed program providing low-interest loans and technical assistance for wastewater, water quality, and infrastructure projects.
- **DWTRF**: The West Virginia Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund (DWTRF) is a program that provides low-interest loans and financial assistance to public water systems for infrastructure improvements, such as building or upgrading treatment plants and distribution lines.

REGION XI FUNDING STATISTICS

Federal Funding	
- Grant Awards	$ 51,564,529.75
- Low Interest Loans	$ 9,159,000.00
- **Total Federal**	**$ 60,723,529.75**
State Funding	
- Grant Awards	$ 85,982,633.16
- Low Interest Loans	$ 68,034,671.00
- **Total State**	**$154,017,304.16**
Local Funding	
- Grant Awards	$ 10,769,238.59
- Low Interest Loans	$ 581,994.03
- **Total Local**	**$ 11,351,232.62**
Total Loans	$ 77,775,665.03
Total Grants	$148,316,401.50
Total Projects	**$226,092,066.53**

Section II
Regional Studies & Reports

COMPLETED REPORTS

Region XI Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2024)

The United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) describes the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as a locally based and regionally driven economic development planning process and document. The CEDS provides community leaders and residents with an opportunity to plan their region's future. Stakeholders help craft the CEDS by identifying a region's economic and community development priorities. The CEDS tells a reader where an area has been, where it is now, and where it is going.

The CEDS facilitates strong relationships with federal agency partners and allows the region to receive federal infrastructure and technical assistance grants. A region must have a CEDS to be designated an Economic Development District (EDD) by the United States Department of Commerce, EDA. The Brooke Hancock Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission (BHJ-MPC) has the responsibility of crafting and maintaining the CEDS for the EDD consisting of Brooke County, West Virginia, and Hancock County, West Virginia.

Region XI Hazard Mitigation Plan (2024)

The purpose of the mitigation plan is to identify risks and vulnerabilities from hazards that affect Region 11 in the northern panhandle of West Virginia. With these risks and vulnerabilities identified, local officials can reduce losses of life, injuries, and limit future damages by developing methods to mitigate or eliminate damages.

The Region 11 Hazard Mitigation Plan follows a planning methodology that includes public involvement, a risk assessment for various identified hazards, an inventory of critical facilities and at-risk areas, a mitigation strategy for high-risk hazards, and a method to maintain and update the plan. The plan is "multi-jurisdictional," meaning that it includes several jurisdictions. Regional stakeholders prepared this plan per federal requirements outlined in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), which requires communities to formulate a hazard mitigation plan to be eligible for mitigation funds made available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As such, this plan, dated 2023, serves as the official hazard mitigation plan for the 10 participating member governments, and it supersedes all previous versions.

Region XI Housing Study (2025)

Local stakeholders across West Virginia's Regional Planning and Development Council (PDC) Region 11 identified challenges in infrastructure, land availability, and economic alignment have left the housing market strained, limiting options for residents and complicating efforts to attract and retain a skilled workforce. Many participants pointed to a persistent imbalance in housing supply and demand. Developers, constrained by costs and limited incentives, have focused on high-end homes, leaving middle-income families with few viable options. Meanwhile, elderly residents looking to downsize struggle to find suitable housing, and young professionals seeking modern rentals in walkable areas often find nothing available.

IN-PROGRESS REPORTS

Region XI Utilities Infrastructure Development Report (2026)

The Region XI Utilities Infrastructure Development Report offers a comprehensive assessment of the regional drinking water, wastewater and stormwater investments made across the last four years. The Report also offers a look at projects in development and what the immediate future will look like for the region.

PLANNED REPORTS

Region XI County-Wide Facilities Plan (2027)

The Region XI County-Wide Facilities for Brooke and Hancock counties is a strategic, long-term document that inventories existing public infrastructure, forecasts future needs based on population growth, and outlines the financing to build or maintain those facilities. It acts as a guide for community development, ensuring that services like roads, schools, parks, and utilities are adequate to meet demand.

Region XI Commodity Flow Study (2028)

The Region XI Commodity Flow Study is an analysis of how raw materials and finished goods are transported into, out of, and within a Brooke and Hancock counties. It identifies the types, quantities, values, modes of transportation (rail, truck, water), and destinations of commodities, primarily to guide infrastructure planning, economic development, and freight forecasting.

Section III
Stormwater Projects

NEWELL STORMWATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

Description: The project will develop a new stormwater system in Newell, WV to remedy a serious problem resulting from the takeover/upgrades being completed in relation to the Newell Drinking Water and Wastewater systems being acquired and upgraded by Tomlinson PSD and Hancock County PSD. Before the takeover, numerous homes' run off and gutter water were tied into the old system's sewage plant lines instead of a storm drain system. Now that they've upgraded, stormwater and/or groundwater are no longer allowed into the new system. All this water is now going either into the street or into people's basements and yards.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: TBD
Bond Counsel: TBD
Engineer: TBD
Local Counsel: TBD
PSC Counsel: TBD

Funding: TBD

Status: Feasibility Phase – preliminary discussions with FEMA have taken place.

Timeline: TBD

BEECH BOTTOM STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project involves the removal and replacement of a section of existing storm sewer within the village. Due to the existing system collapsing and being undersized, the village is suffering from safety concerns of structural instability and flooding during significant storm events. The current storm sewer system is constructed from 48" clay pipe that is deteriorating due to conveying water containing elevated pH levels from surrounding mine property and from normal erosion due to age. The proposed upgrades will replace the existing system with larger diameter pipes and drainage structures that are designed to withstand acidic runoff.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Cipriani & Thomas Law Offices
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:		
	US FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant	$3,097,500.00
	WV Governor's Office Matching Grant	$ 870,000.00
	WV IJDC Grant	$ 162,500.00
	Total	**$4,130,000.00**

Status: Completed June 25, 2024

Timeline: N/A

BROOKE COUNTY PIONEER TRAIL STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project encompasses five sites along the Pioneer Trail in Brooke County, WV. The disaster declaration was made in February 2018, and funding was awarded in April 2019. Site 5, the southernmost site of the project, was subsequently completed. Most of the damage on Sites 1-4 was done by flooding and lies within the work zone of the New Ohio River Bridge between Wellsburg, WV, and Brilliant, OH. The bridge construction was completed at the end of 2023 and access to the Trail has been restored. As part of this construction Flat Iron, the bridge contractor, remediated sites 3 & 4.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: N/A
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:	US FEMA Disaster Recovery Grant	$1,680,407.25
	WV Governor's Office Matching Grant	$ 560,135.75
	Total	**$2,240,543.00**

Status: Completed September 24, 2024

Timeline: N/A

WELLSBURG STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS FEASIBILITY STUDY

Description: The project consists of 4 stormwater conveyance systems. Each of these storm sewers will intercept the runoff from the slopes at the toe of the hills east of Wellsburg along Pleasant Avenue and channel the flow into storm sewers through town and to the Ohio River. Each system will have settlement basins and trash racks at the inlets at the points of defined concentration. The proposed bypass storm sewers will address the repetitive flooding problem that occurs during medium to high intensity rains (1.5" or more) by intercepting the runoff from the slopes east of the city and collecting the runoff into storm sewers that will divert the water through town and to the Ohio River. Currently, the overland flow from the hillside is not effectively collected by a properly sized storm system and runs down the streets and through private properties during each rain event. This repetitive flooding event poses a threat to public health and safety of the 2,805 residents of Wellsburg.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: N/A
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:		
	US FEMA Disaster Recovery Grant	$ 779,557.50
	WV Governor's Office Matching Grant	$ 259,852.50
	Total	**$1,039,410.00**

Status: Project Closeout on September 22, 2023. FEMA determined project that a passing Benefit Cost Ratio (BCA) is not achievable and forced closeout without construction.

Timeline: N/A

Section IV
Wastewater Projects

BROOKE COUNTY PSD SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE IIC)

Description: The project proposes to extend sanitary sewer service to residents along St. John's Road, branching off to the following streets: Delta Route 934, Moore Lane, Karol Way, Memorial Lakes Rd., Mulberry Lane, Pleasant Valley Lane, Walker Manor Dr., County Rt 14/1, Yost Mobile Home Park, and Delta Lane. Miscellaneous improvements will be completed on existing systems, including pump stations and valves. 178 new customers will be added to the system.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: Chris Scheetz

Funding:		
	WV WDA Design Loan	$ 554,956.73
	WV IJDC Loan	$4,450,000.00
	Brooke County ARPA Grant	$ 608,482.00
	WV WDA Economic Enhancement Grant	$1,783,547.00
	Total	**$6,842,029.00**

Status: Substantial Completion, excess funds being reappropriated.

Timeline: Project closeout by end of 2026.

BROOKE COUNTY PSD SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE IIC) SUPPLEMENTAL

Description: The project will use bid underrun funds previously allocated to the Brooke County PSD Phase IIC project to provide essential backup systems and facilities that allow for continued service to PSD customers. This includes additional pumps and facility upgrades.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding: Brooke County ARPA Grant $ 391,518.00

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Completed by end of 2026

BROOKE COUNTY PSD WASHINGTON PIKE/DROVERS LINE EXTENSION

Description: The project will provide sanitary sewer services to 13 new customers including the Drover's Inn and 12 residential customers. This would include installation of new force main lines, gravity sewer lines, and grinder pump stations.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:	WV IJDC Grant	$ 500,000.00
	Brooke County ARPA Grant	$ 517,300.00
	Total	**$1,017,300.00**

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Completed by the end of 2026

FOLLANSBEE SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project will include installation and replacement of portions of the sanitary sewer collection system in twelve separate areas across the city; construction work at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) including the rehabilitation or replacement of several components including the influent screen and grit system, mixers for the oxidation ditch and digester, and the chlorination system; and, replacement of the eight pump stations, rehabilitation of the wet wells and valve vaults, and electrical systems as needed. The project is expected to lead to separation of stormwater flow from the existing sanitary sewer system, replacement of failing sanitary sewer lines, reduction of the number of combined sewer overflow (CSO) events of untreated wastewater from the collection system and improving effluent quality for the citizens of Follansbee and those downstream along the Ohio River.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Smith, Cochran & Hicks, PLLC
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: Ghosh Engineers, Inc.
Local Counsel: Michael Gaudio, Attorney at Law
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:	US EPA Congressionally Directed Spending Grant	$10,269,865.00
	WV Governor's Office Matching Grant	$ 2,700,000.00
	WesBanco Loan	$ 365,485.00
	Total	**$13,333,350.00**

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Completed by the end of 2026

HANCOCK COUNTY PSD NEWELL SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project includes (1) the installation of approximately 16,000 LF of 8" sanitary force main, cleanouts, air release valves and railroad crossings as shown on the plans, (2) the installation of approximately 20,000 LF of gravity sewer main, laterals and wyes, manholes, approximately 1,500 LF of the Grant Street Pump Station force main in common trench with gravity sewers and approximately 2,400 LF of the Newell Pump Station force main to be in a common trench with gravity sewers as shown on drawings. Work also includes the installation of one grinder pump and associated low pressure force main, and (3) the installation of the Newell, Grant Street, and Midway Pump Stations including site work, installation of the wet well, valve vault, piping, fencing, equipment pads, pumps, dual auger system, electrical work, odor control system, and other items shown on the plans. Work also includes the installation of one grinder pump and associated low pressure force main.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Smith, Cochran & Hicks, PLLC
Bond Counsel: Jackson Kelly PLLC
Engineer: Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP

Funding:

Hancock County Commission Grant	$ 50,000.00
WV DEP CWSRF Principal Forgiveness	$ 937,600.00
WV DEP CWSRF Loan	$ 1,882,000.00
WV DEP CWSRF Green Reserve Funds	$ 89,830.00
USDA Rural Development Loan	$ 1,907,000.00
USDA Rural Development Grant	$ 900,000.00
WV IJDC Grant	$ 500,000.00
WV IJDC Distressed Utilities Grant	$ 5,000,000.00
WV WDA Economic Enhancement Grant	$ 4,999,014.00
Total	**$16,265,444.00**

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Completed by the end of 2026

WEIRTON SEWER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

Description: This project proposes to increase Weirton's WWTP treatment capacity from 4.0 MGD to 8.0 MGD by constructing a 4.0 MGD SBR treatment plant at the existing WWTP site. Construction of this project includes a headworks building, four SBR basins and an SBR blower building.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Guida Law Offices
PSC Counsel: Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC

Funding:

WV WDA Design Loan	$ 1,282,799.21
WV DEP CWSRF Loan	$20,000,000.00
WV DEP CWSRF Energy Efficiency	$ 500,000.00
WV DEP CWSRF Water Efficiency	$ 500,000.00
City of Weirton ARPA Grant	$ 4,000,000.00
WV WDA Economic Enhancement Grant	$17,248,260.00
Total	**$42,248,260.00**

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Completed by the end of 2026

BROOKE COUNTY PSD ANIMAL SHELTER SEWER EXTENSION

Description: The project will upgrade the wastewater system at the Brooke County Animal Shelter by replacing its individual system with a connection to the PSD's system. Project cost estimates are being calculated in conjunction with design.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:	Brooke County ARPA Grant	$ 200,000.00

Status: In Design

Timeline: TBD

BROOKE COUNTY PSD MCKINLEYVILLE SEWER EXTENSION

Description: The project would provide sanitary sewer services to 230 Brooke County residents who currently do not have access to public services. The project is estimated at $8,040,000.00.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: Chris Scheetz

Funding: TBD

Status: CDS Request Submitted

Timeline: TBD

BROOKE COUNTY PSD ROCKDALE ROAD SEWER EXTENSION

Description: The project will address critical public health and environmental concerns by replacing aging and failing septic systems by extending Brooke County PSD's system to the Rockdale Road area. This includes the installation of gravity wells, force main lines, and two new grinder pump stations with the system feeding into the City of Wellsburg's Sewer Plant. The estimated project cost is $6,200,000.00.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: Chris Scheetz

Funding: TBD

Status: Proposed

Timeline: TBD

BROOKE COUNTY PSD BEECH BOTTOM SEWER PLANT UPGRADES

Description: The overall goal of the proposed project is to resolve the deficiencies of Brooke County PSD's sanitary collection system and provide service to additional customers. The following alternatives were evaluated: (1) Replacing the Existing WWTP Lagoon System with a 0.200 MGD Sequential Batch Reactor estimated at $12,090,000.00; (2) Upgrading the Existing WWTP Lagoon System from 0.150 MGD to 0.200 MGD Capacity estimated at $8,070,000.00; and (3) Constructing a New 0.200 MGD Pump Station w/ an 8-Inch Force Main to Wellsburg WWTP estimated at $6,785,000.00.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: Chris Scheetz

Funding: TBD

Status: Project tabled due to anticipated O&M cost increase.

Timeline: TBD

CHESTER SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: TBD – includes significant work to existing sewer plant.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: TBD
Engineer: New River Engineers, Inc.
Local Counsel: TBD
PSC Counsel: TBD

Funding: TBD

Status: New River Engineers is currently preparing the PER.

Timeline: TBD

BROOKE COUNTY PSD BEECH BOTTOM SEWER PLANT STUDY

Description: The project will provide preliminary engineering to show different options for sewage treatment at the Beech Bottom plant to stay within WV DEP limits and explore expansion opportunities if available.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding: Brooke County ARPA Grant $ 50,000.00

Status: Completed November 26, 2024

Timeline: N/A

BROOKE COUNTY PSD BEECH BOTTOM SEWER UPGRADES

Description: The project will provide upgrades to the old Beech Bottom sewer lift station to support increased customers including Pure Watercraft and Jupitar Aluminum.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:	Brooke County ARPA Grant	$ 54,000.00

Status: Completed April 29, 2025

Timeline: N/A

BROOKE COUNTY PSD MAHAN LANE SYSTEM UPGRADES

Description: The project will replace the Shaeffer pump station at Mahan's Lane with a new V-Systems pump that will bring the station into uniformity with Brooke County PSD's other pump stations.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding: Brooke County ARPA Grant $ 118,000.00

Status: Completed July 15, 2025

Timeline: N/A

NEW CUMBERLAND SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project will provide for the rehab of failing equipment at the end of its useful life in the wastewater treatment plant, the vacuum pump station, and other pump stations in the system.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Barnett Financial & Tax, Inc.
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP

Funding:		
	USDA Rural Development Loan	$1,766,000.00
	USDA Rural Development Grant	$ 560,600.00
	USDA Rural Development Search Grant	$ 26,600.00
	Total	**$2,353,200.00**

Status: Completed January 25, 2024

Timeline: N/A

Section V
Drinking Water Projects

TOMLINSON PSD NEWELL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE I)

Description: The project includes Tomlinson PSD purchasing the Newell Water System and completing an entire rehabilitation of the treatment plant and pump stations. The distribution system will be covered in Phase II. The Newell Water System was declared a "Distressed or Failing Utility" by the West Virginia Public Service Commission in June 2022. This project is pursuant to state mandates.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Smith, Cochran & Hicks, PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: Ghosh Engineers, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Funding:

Hancock County Commission Grant	$ 50,000.00
IJDC Design Grant	$ 96,356.58
WV DEP DWTRF Water Project Remaining Funds	$ 216,509.03
WV DEP DWTRF Loan	$ 3,200,500.00
WV DEP DWTRF Principal Forgiveness	$ 1,638,125.00
WV IJDC Grant	$ 403,643.00
WV IJDC Overrun Grant	$ 165,000.00
WV WDA Economic Enhancement Grant	$ 9,950,483.00
Total	**$15,720,616.61**

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Completed by end of 2026

WASHINGTON PIKE PSD WATER PUMP UPGRADES

Description: The project provides for new pumps at the Rabbit Hill pump station (50 hp turbine pump – last replaced in 1990s) and High Street pump station (40 hp pump – last replaced in 1990s). This will also provide for ancillary electrical work at the pump stations.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc.
Local Counsel: N/A
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding: Brooke County ARPA Grant $ 150,000.00

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Project scheduled for completion in Summer 2026.

WASHINGTON PIKE PSD WATER TANK UPGRADES

Description: The project would provide for inspections, cleaning, and painting of the existing water tanks as well as improvements to the tank access roads to allow heavy machinery/greater site access and new 6" gate valves at the vault sites.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc.
Local Counsel: N/A
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding: Brooke County ARPA Grant $ 677,000.00

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Project scheduled for completion in Summer 2026.

WASHINGTON PIKE PSD WATER VALVE & HYDRANT UPGRADES

Description: The project will install 21 valves, fire hydrants, and flush hydrants throughout the WPPSD water system. The valves will increase water service reliability and quality for 576 customers and the hydrants will make WPPSD compliant with fire safety standards.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc.
Local Counsel: N/A
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:	Brooke County ARPA Grant	$ 260,000.00

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Project scheduled for completion in Summer 2026.

WEIRTON WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project will increase the treatment capacity of the Weirton Area Water Board's water treatment plant from 4.0 million gallons per day (MGD) to 8.0 MGD. The existing plant must operate continuously 24/7 to meet existing demand. This makes it difficult to appropriately maintain treatment equipment as customer supply is jeopardized any time equipment is taken out of service for maintenance and repair. By increasing treatment capacity, the water treatment plant will have more downtime to perform regularly scheduled maintenance and prolong the useful life of its equipment. It will also give the Water Board reserve capacity to meet anticipated new demand arising from economic development efforts in Weirton and the surrounding area.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Guida Law Offices
PSC Counsel: Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC

Funding:

WV WDA Design Loan	$ 1,208,213.00
US EPA Congressionally Directed Spending	$22,470,000.00
WV Governor's Office Matching Funds Grant	$ 5,617,500.00
WV IJDC Loan	$14,700,000.00
WV IJDC Overrun Grant	$ 165,000.00
WV WDA Economic Enhancement Grant	$ 1,000,000.00
City of Weirton ARPA Grant	$ 200,000.00
Weirton Area Water Board Contribution	$ 100,000.00
Total	**$44,252,500.00**

Status: Construction Phase

Timeline: Completed by the end of 2026

Beech Bottom Industrial Park Water Line Extension

Description: The proposed project involves utilizing EDI to install a new main water line and associate fire hydrants along West Virginia Route 2 in Beech Bottom, West Virginia to support the Village of Beech Bottom and the anticipated economic growth at the Beech Bottom Industrial Park. The new water line will span approximately 1 mile from the southern portion of the industrial park to the northern portion of the industrial park property directly adjacent to West Virginia - State Route 2. Estimated cost of $2,945,000.00.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: Construction Engineering Consultants, Inc.
Local Counsel: Rowle & Henderson LLP
PSC Counsel: Rowle & Henderson LLP

Funding:		
	US HUD Congressionally Directed Spending	$1,957,000.00
	WV WDA Economic Enhancement Grant	$ 488,000.00
	Total	**$2,445,000.00**

Status: Design Phase. Preparing to bid once final funding is in place.

Timeline: Project projected to bid in Fall 2026.

FOLLANSBEE HOOVERSON HEIGHTS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project consists of improvements at the existing Hooverson Heights Water Treatment Plant consisting of removing and replacing the existing filter control valves and control panel for the three (3) existing filters at the Hooverson Heights Water Treatment Plant. Work shall include furnishing and installation of the equipment, electrical work and demolition of existing equipment. The project will also include replacement of existing roofs at the Water/Wastewater Maintenance Building, WWTP Building, Raw Water Intake Building, and Raw Water Well No. 4 Building.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Kozicki Hughes Tickerhoof, PLLC
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: Ghosh Engineers, Inc.
Local Counsel: Michael Gaudio, Attorney at Law
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:		
	US ACE Section 571 Grant	$1,321,000.00
	WV IJDC Grant	$ 500,000.00
	Total	**$1,821,000.00**

Status: Bidding & Negotiation

Timeline: Construction to commence in Summer 2026.

HAMMOND PSD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project will replace about 900 feet of the water main near Marshall Terrace, which has had many leaks in the last few years. The upgrades to the water main will necessitate replacing 500 existing water service lines. Also replaced would be 11,000 feet of the water main on Coss Lane and 1,500 feet of water line between the water treatment plant and Mazella Tank. The project will replace around 900 water meters and includes improvements to water storage facilities, plus the replacement of the Windsor Heights Tank. Replacement of the old lines should bring the PSD in compliance with the PSC's 15% or less water loss target. The water treatment plant itself will also receive substantial upgrades. Estimated cost of $8,935,833.33.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc.
Local Counsel: Berry, Kessler, Crutchfield, Taylor & Gordon
PSC Counsel: Berry, Kessler, Crutchfield, Taylor & Gordon

Funding:

US ACE Section 219 Grant	$4,612,000.00
WV Governor's Matching Funds Grant	$1,537,333.33
Brooke County ARPA Grant	$ 986,500.00
WV WDA Interim Financing Loan	$1,704,900.00
WV IJDC Take-Out Financing Loan	$1,790,400.00
WV IJDC Grant	$ 500,000.00
Total	**$8,935,833.33**

Status: Design Phase

Timeline: Project to be bid in Fall/Winter 2026.

TOMLINSON PSD NEWELL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE II)

Description: The project includes Tomlinson PSD rehabilitation of the distribution portion of the Newell Water System acquired during Phase I. The Newell Water System was declared a "Distressed or Failing Utility" by the West Virginia Public Service Commission in June 2022. This project is pursuant to state mandates. Estimated project cost is $21,143,150.00.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Smith, Cochran & Hicks, PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: Ghosh Engineers, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Funding:

WV DEP DWTRF Design Loan	$ 240,000.00
WV DEP DWTRF Loan	$ 2,103,150.00
WV DEP DWTRF Lead Service Line Loan	$ 3,111,000.00
WV DEP DWTRF Principal Forgiveness	$ 1,000,000.00
WV DEP DWTRF Lead Principal Forgiveness	$ 2,989,000.00
WV WDA Economic Enhancement Grant	$ 4,200,000.00
WV IJDC Grant	$ 500,000.00
WV IJDC Distressed Utilities Grant	$ 5,000,000.00
US ACE Section 571 Grant	$ 2,000,000.00
Total	**$21,143,150.00**

Status: Design Phase. IJDC proposed viable funding scenario.

Timeline: Project design to be completed in Spring 2027 with construction to commence in Summer 2027. Financial Closing must take place by end of WV FY27.

WEIRTON WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE I)

Description: The project proposes to remove and replace approximately 3,500 LF of waterline in Weirton's water distribution. The waterline in question connects Weirton's Lee Avenue #1 and #2 water storage tanks to a large 24" water main running north south through Weirton. The lines to be replaced will be increased from 12" to 18" in diameter. Waterline will be installed in the WV DOH Row along Zeta Street, Mildren Avenue, and Walnut Street, and is expected to require substantial road resurfacing in these areas. By completing this project, Weirton will reduce the pressure required to pump water from Weirton's upgraded WTP to a level that is within the acceptable range for Weirton's distribution system. Estimated cost is $4,340,000.00.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Guida Law Offices
PSC Counsel: Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC

Funding:		
	US ACE Section 571 Grant	$1,000,000.00
	WV Governor's Office Matching Grant	$3,340,000.00
	Total	**$4,340,000.00**

Status: Design Phase

Timeline: Design to wrap up in Fall 2026 with bidding by end of 2026.

WELLSBURG WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE I)

Description: The proposed project will replace outdated and undersized water lines within the City of Wellsburg. The first phase of this planning includes the replacement of main water line along Charles Street from 12th Street to the Wellsburg 4th Ward Park at the end of town along with other necessary upgrades. Estimated cost of $4,500,000.00.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: TBD
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP

Funding:		
	WV DEP DWTRF Loan	$2,500,000.00
	WV DEP DWTRF Principal Forgiveness	$1,500,000.00
	WV IJDC Grant	$ 500,000.00
	Total	**$4,500,000.00**

Status: Design Phase

Timeline: Project design will be completed in spring 2027 with bidding to follow.

OAKLAND PSD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project will upgrade existing systems including force main connection, plant work, and other system upgrades.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Smith, Cochran & Hicks, PLLC
Bond Counsel: TBD
Engineer: New River Engineers, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP

Funding: TBD

Status: Preliminary Engineering

Timeline: TBD

WEIRTON WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE II)

Description: The project will replace all or part of Weirton's Galvanized and Cast-Iron pipe estimated at nearly 500,000 linear feet. Costs estimated at $190,000,000.00 to complete an entire replacement with a $45,000,000 project being targeted. The WV Public Service Commission requires the project to be completed by the end of 2029 although the specific scope of work required is TBD.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Guida Law Offices
PSC Counsel: Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC

Funding: TBD. Congressionally Directed Spending request submitted to both Senators Capito and Justice.

Status: Preliminary Engineering

Timeline: Combined preliminary application submitted to IJDC June 10, 2026.

WEIRTON WATER PFAS PLANT UPGRADES

Description: The proposed upgrade will address the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the drinking water supply through the implementation of modern treatment technologies designed to effectively remove these contaminants. Cost estimated at $11,180,000.00 with a Congressionally Directed Spending request submitted to both Senators Justice and Capito.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Guida Law Offices
PSC Counsel: Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC

Funding: TBD. The project will include $4,000,000.00 from the WV DEP DWTRF Emerging Contaminant Fund.

Status: Preliminary Engineering Complete

Timeline: TBD

WELLSBURG WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE II)

Description: The project focuses on major distribution system upgrades, including the replacement of deteriorating water lines that serve a significant portion of the City's population. This includes portions of Pleasant Avenue, Sycamore Street, Locust Street, Caldwell Avenue, Windsor Avenue, Brinker Road Area, Forrest Hill Area, and North High Street. Estimated cost at $8,040,000.00 for Phase II.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: TBD
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP

Funding: TBD

Status: Preliminary Engineering

Timeline: This project will commence after Phase I is completed.

BROOKE COUNTY PSD COLLIERS WATER METER UPGRADES

Description: The project will install auto read water meters at the homes of residents along Colliers Way, replacing old manual read meters and increasing efficiency.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Chris Scheetz
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:	Brooke County ARPA Grant	$ 175,000.00

Status: Completed June 10, 2025

Timeline: N/A

HAMMOND PSD WATER TANK SCADA UPGRADES

Description: The project installed a new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that connected the water tanks virtually with the rest of the system and allowed staff to remotely view information offsite and reduce maintenance.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc.
Local Counsel: N/A
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding:	Brooke County ARPA Grant	$134,700.00

Status: Completed March 12, 2024

Timeline: N/A

NEW CUMBERLAND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project included many upgrades to the water treatment plant, replaced old sections of water line, installed fire protection equipment, replaced customer meters, rehabilitated one existing water storage tank, and replaced 2 of the existing storage tanks with 3 new tanks.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Barnett Financial & Tax, Inc.
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP

Funding:

USDA Rural Development Loan	$2,747,000.00
USDA Rural Development Grant	$ 890,000.00
New Cumberland ARPA Contribution	$ 94,738.00
Hancock County Commission Grant	$ 40,000.00
Total	**$3,771,738.00**

Status: Completed December 7, 2022

Timeline: N/A

TOMLINSON PSD ROUTE 2 WATER LINE EXTENSION

Description: The project extended water service along WV Route 2 North of WV Route 8 in New Cumberland, and includes approximately 13,601 LF of 8" PVC C900 and 1,900 LF of 8" DIP water line, 247 LF of 16" Steel Casing Pipe-Bore and Jack, five (5) new fire hydrants, six (6) new service connections, service line, one (1) new Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV), one (1) connection to existing system, gate valves, miscellaneous surface restoration, and all other necessary appurtenances for a complete and in-place installation.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: N/A
Bond Counsel: N/A
Engineer: Ghosh Engineers, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: N/A

Funding: Hancock County Commission ARPA Grant 2,111,375.80

Status: Completed August 27, 2025

Timeline: N/A

TOMLINSON PSD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: This project is a revised project from formerly submitted application that removes construction of a treatment plant. This project will make improvements to the distribution system including two new tanks, one new booster station, and new and replacement of existing water lines. This project will also provide water service to the developable property along WV Route 2 south of Newell and Mountaineer Racetrack.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Smith, Cochran & Hicks, PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: Ghosh Engineers, Inc.
Local Counsel: Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP
PSC Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Funding:		
	WV DEP DWTRF Design Loan	$ 500,000.00
	WV DEP DWTRF Construction Loan	$10,335,000.00
	WV DEP DWTRF Principal Forgiveness	$ 300,000.00
	IJDC Soft Cost Grant	$ 50,000.00
	IJDC Overrun Grant	$ 165,000.00
	Total	**$11,350,000.00**

Status: Completed April 25, 2024

Timeline: N/A

WASHINGTON PIKE PSD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project repaired and replaced items in the pump stations, purchased and installed radio read meters, built a new office building and storage facility on land owned by the PSD across Washington Pike from the existing office.

Project Team: Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Abraham & Company PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc.
Local Counsel: William E. Watson & Associates
PSC Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Funding: USDA Rural Development Loan $2,739,000.00

Status: Completed January 30, 2023

Timeline: N/A

WELLSBURG WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

Description: The project will consist of the replacement of existing water lines in the City of Wellsburg, with all the appurtenances included. Also, upgrades to the City's water treatment plant, including electrical upgrades, sludge process automation, automation in the filtration process and improved backwash solids processing.

Project Team:
Administrator: BHJ-MPC
Accountant: Griffith & Associates PLLC
Bond Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.
Local Counsel: Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC
PSC Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Funding:		
	WV WDA Design Loan	$ 410,917.14
	WV DEP DWTRF Loan	$5,889,074.00
	WV DEP DWTRF Principal Forgiveness	$ 700,000.00
	WV IJDC Grant	$ 600,000.00
	Wellsburg ARPA Contribution	$ 100,624.79
	Total	**$7,289,698.79**

Status: Completed January 22, 2025

Timeline: N/A