

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND



ADDRESSING EMERGING CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER

State Program:

Michigan Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program

Assistance Recipient:

Bedford Charter Township

Project Name:

River Road Water Main Extension

Initial Agreement Date:

2023



Project Description

Private wells of residents and businesses in the River Road area of Bedford Charter Township, Michigan had elevated levels of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) due to groundwater contamination. **The Bedford Charter Township partnered with the City of Battle Creek and secured a \$4.3 million DWSRF Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Emerging Contaminants loan with 100 percent principal forgiveness.** The project extended the Battle Creek water distribution system by constructing approximately 8,000 linear feet of an 8-inch diameter water main to serve the residents with contaminated private wells, bringing them a clean source of drinking water. The partnership between the Bedford Charter Township and the City of Battle Creek, along with 100 percent principal forgiveness made available by the IIJA Emerging Contaminants loan, were crucial to the completion of one of Michigan's first DWSRF projects designed to provide relief to residents and businesses with PFAS contamination in their private wells by extending the public water distribution system.



**DWSRF Assistance
Provided
\$4.3M**



**Principal
Forgiveness
\$4.3M**

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