

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND



LOCAL ASSISTANCE SET-ASIDE FUNDING

State Program:

Nebraska Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program

Assistance Recipient:

City of Syracuse

Project Name:

Nebraska: Supporting Acquisition of Watershed Land



Project Description

The Nebraska DWSRF made a \$1 million loan to the City of Syracuse for a land purchase of 637 acres from a group of private owners. This land will protect the City's wells (built in the 1950s) from nitrate contamination. The loan was paired with the development of a Drinking Water Management Protection Plan for the City. The Plan will develop a groundwater model to delineate the 50-year well head protection area and establish a robust Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and EPA approved Drinking Water Protection Management Plan that includes all elements of a Well Head Protection Plan. This project identifies water quality issues and opportunities for improving water quality, and it and engages the community in planning and implementation. The Nebraska DWSRF makes protection plans a requirement of any land loan agreements, under the 15% set-aside, and it will serve as the guide for the City to protect its well field source, and will make them eligible for CWA Section 319 assistance in the future.



**DWSRF Assistance
Provided**
\$1M

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