

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND



WATER SYSTEM CONSOLIDATION/PARTNERSHIPS

State Program:

Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Assistance Recipient:

Artesian Water Company

Project Name:

Frankford Water System Purchase and Delaware Avenue Extension

Initial Agreement Date:

2021



Project Description

The Town of Frankford struggled to meet drinking water standards and had failing drinking water infrastructure. Frankford was in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) for at least three years and was defaulting on an existing DWSRF loan. **To address these issues and consolidate Frankford's water system, the Artesian Water Company secured a total of \$3.2 million in funding, including \$2.5 million in DWSRF funding with \$1.5 million in principal forgiveness, along with co-funding from the State of Delaware Bond Bill and Clean Water Trust.** Additionally, residents on Delaware Avenue, a small neighborhood outside the Frankford town boundary, were offered drinking water service by Artesian Water Company. Delaware Avenue residents had spent 20 years advocating for safe drinking water. Community leaders and champions held several public meetings and collaborated with the Delaware DWSRF, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, and the Artesian Water Company to bring reliable, safe drinking water to the ten homes, one church, and one business on Delaware Avenue.

To complete this project, the Artesian Water Company installed 8.5 miles of new water mains and 45 fire hydrants, extending service to approximately 1,000 residents of Frankford and Delaware Avenue. The business owners on Delaware Avenue allowed an easement on their property, which allowed the Artesian Water Company to also extend water service to the Countryside Hamlet Manufactured Home Community on the other side of Delaware Avenue. The extensive community engagement and collaboration throughout this DWSRF project provided safe drinking water to residents of Frankford and Delaware Avenue, and the project also benefited a nearby manufactured home community.



**DWSRF Assistance
Provided
\$2.5M**



**Principal
Forgiveness
\$1.5M**



**Funding from
Other Sources
\$700,000**

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