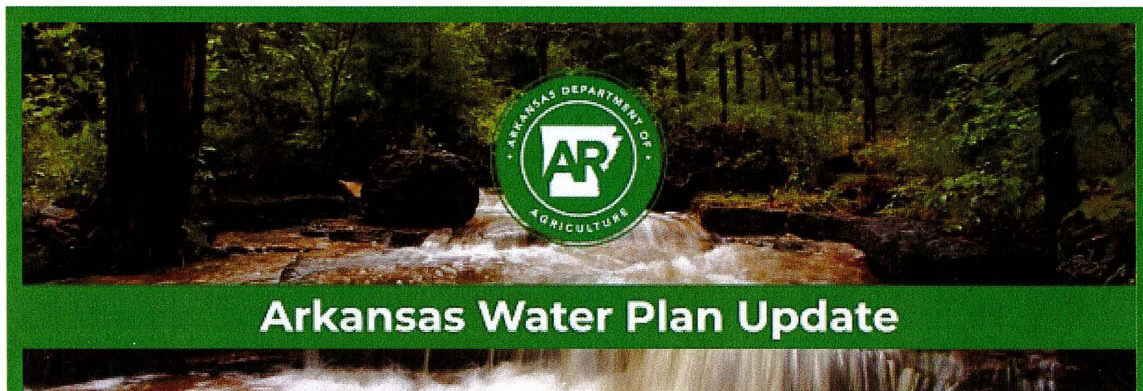




Arkansas Water Plan Stakeholder,

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture appreciates your continued interest in the update of the Arkansas Water Plan. Following [Executive Order 23-27](#), the Department has been working diligently to gather and analyze current data on water quantity, water quality, and infrastructure needs across the state. Multiple contractors are assisting in these efforts to ensure comprehensive and accurate results.

Our next round of stakeholder engagement will be scheduled as data analyses are completed. These meetings will present preliminary results on:

- Water supply and demand projections
- Water quality trends
- Water and wastewater infrastructure needs

Below is a summary of activities completed to date, along with a preliminary timeline extending through 2026.



Summary of Water Plan Activities to Date

- Phase 1 Stakeholder Meetings – Five regional meetings focused on supply and demand needs:
 - Little Rock – navigation, flood planning, and water quality
 - Jonesboro – flood planning and agricultural water needs
 - Stuttgart – agricultural water needs
 - Magnolia – industrial water needs and future resource extraction
 - Fort Smith – drinking water supply and demand
- Phase 1 concluded with the development of **goals, timelines, and costs to update the Water Plan.**
- Delivered over 30 informational presentations to more than 3,000 stakeholders.
- Held seven Technical Focus Group meetings on supply, demand, flooding, water quality, and infrastructure (summaries available here).
- Requested input from the Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Energy and Environment, and Department of Commerce.
- Initiated a Water Supply, Demand, Gap Analysis, and Mitigation Strategy Review with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District.
- Engaged Michael Baker International to complete water and wastewater infrastructure and water quality analyses.
- With support from the Commissioner of State Lands and USACE, completed a statewide levee inventory (final report pending).
- Engaged Olsson to support development of the Flood Plan.
- Engaged Hawkins-Wier to conduct a water reclamation study for Northwest Arkansas.

What's Next?

Water Plan Preliminary Timeline

June 2025 - January 2026

Water Supply and Demand Analysis

June 2025 - May 2026

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure/Water Quality Analysis

June 2025 - May 2026

Gap Analysis and Mitigation Strategy Review

February - July 2026

Stakeholder Meetings

Summer 2026

Final Plan

We value your input and encourage you to provide feedback at any stage of the Water Plan update. You can share information by completing the survey linked below or by emailing tate.wentz@agriculture.arkansas.gov.

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