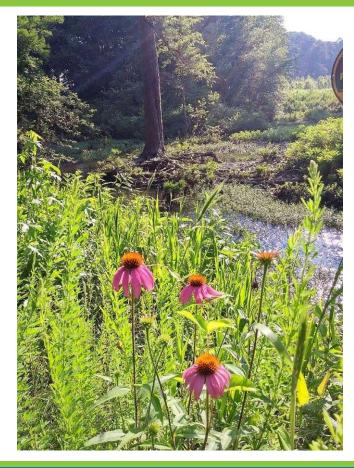




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Telling the Story of Your Water:

What's it Worth and Who Needs to Know?

Jane Hurley

November 4, 2021



Imagine a Day Without Water

October 21, 2021







Our Purpose



- Protect Public Health
- Enhance the quality of life
- Protect the environment
- Support the economy
- Serve as responsible stewards of a valuable resource

Our Voice - keywords



- Essential
- Reliable
- Infrastructure
- Economy
- Safety

Places to engage:



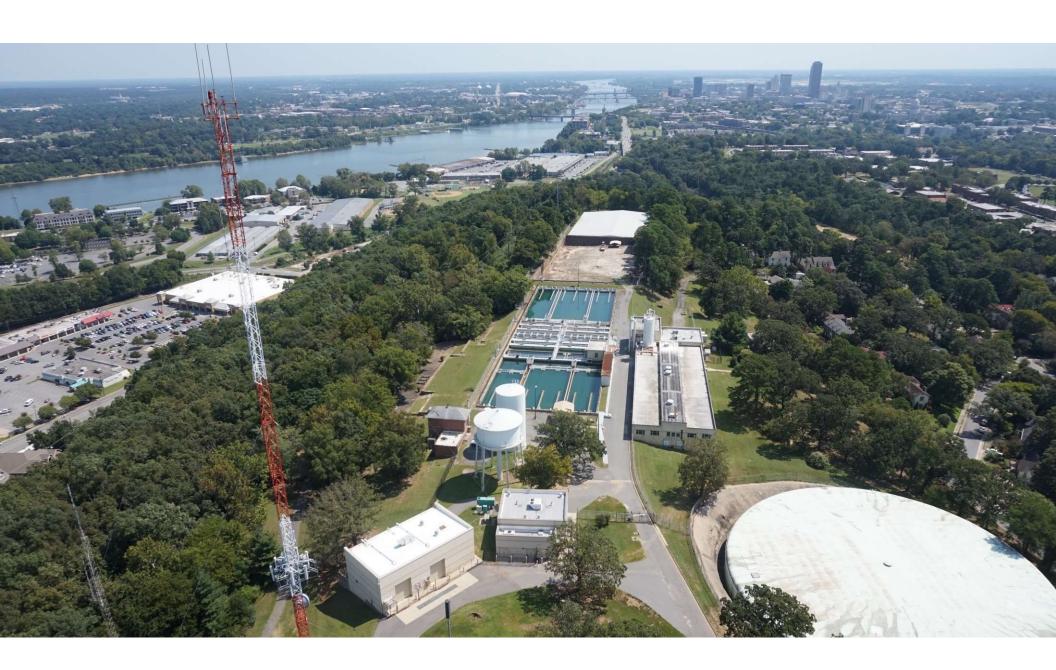
- Community events
 - 5Ks and Festivals
 - Library programs
 - Trivia/game nights
- Partner organizations
 - **□** 4-H
 - Game and Fish events
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - Museums, State Parks

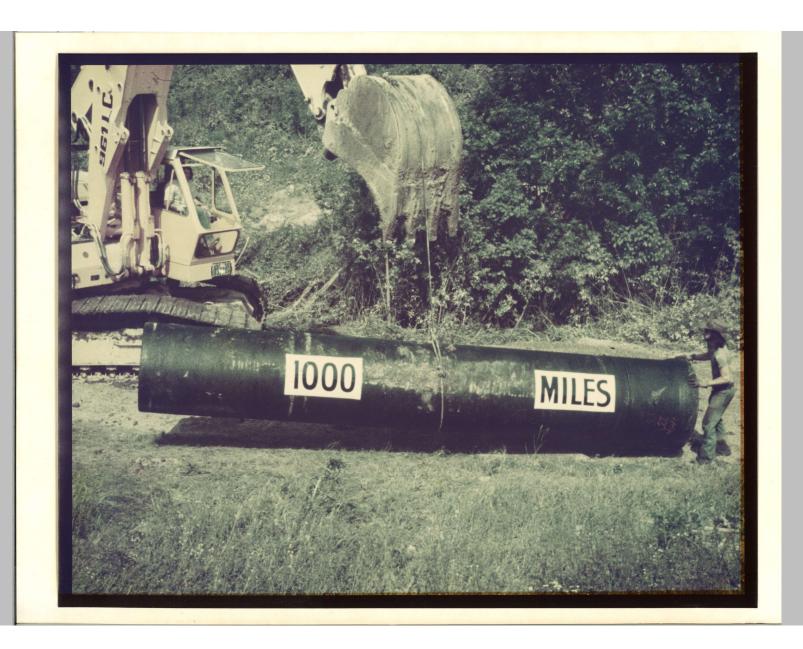


Our Voice – talk about:

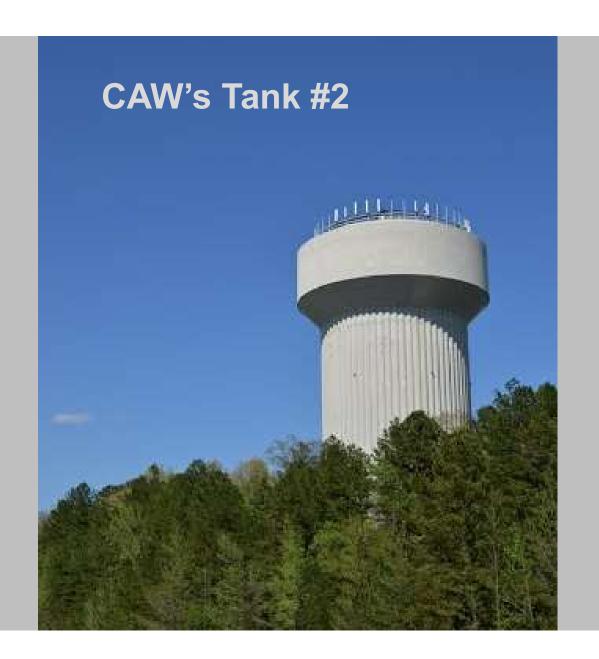


- Your history
- Your people
- Your community
- Yourself
- Hard things









Conversation starters











Tell Your Story -> Gain Trust





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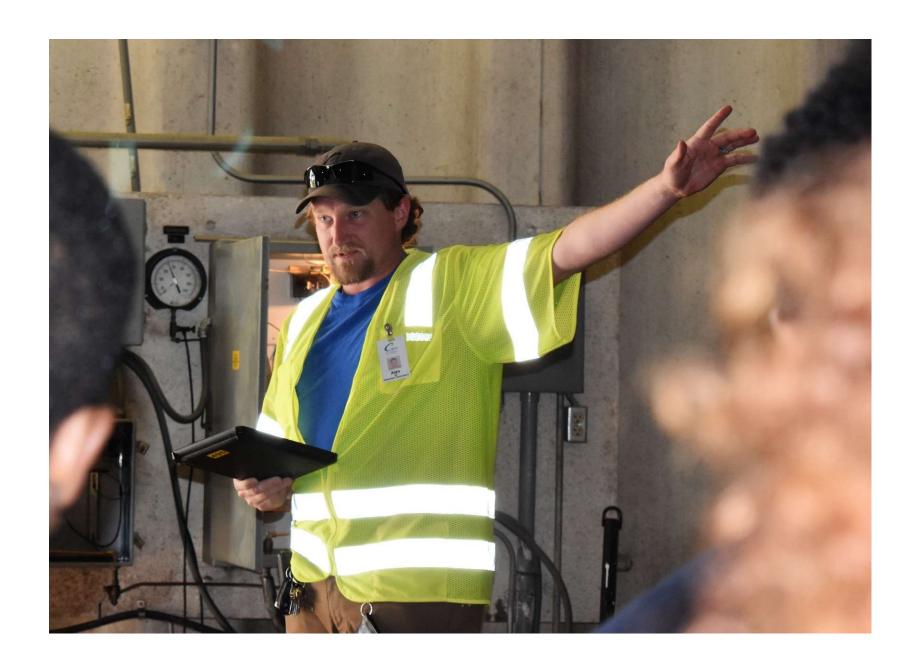






















Engage -> Build Ambassadors



- Immerse local residents in the day-to-day
- Started w/ class size of about 15 Became popular and has now doubled.
- Full day. Forest to Faucet.









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Educate -> Build Ambassadors





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Quick Links

ADMISSIONS

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ABOUT

A State-wide Professional Development Program for Arkansas Middle and High School STEM Teachers

The goal of the STRIVE program is to prepare and empower the future STEM workforce of Arkansas by increasing middle and high school students' awareness of the diversity of jobs requiring STEM skills and helping our students become more prepared to work in those jobs. While many programs work with the students themselves, STRIVE focuses on working with Arkansas STEM teachers, providing opportunities for teachers to become immersed in an organization for a short period during the summer to see first-hand how diverse and far-reaching the skills they teach in their classroom related to the real world. The summer placement is dovetailed with training and support in how to incorporate these experiences into their classroom, promoting approaches such as inquiry and problem-solving learning.

Teacher Applications for STRIVE 2022

Click the Links Below to Learn More



2022 Teacher Plan



2022 Business Partner Plan



Teachers' Videos



Business Locations 2021







Students











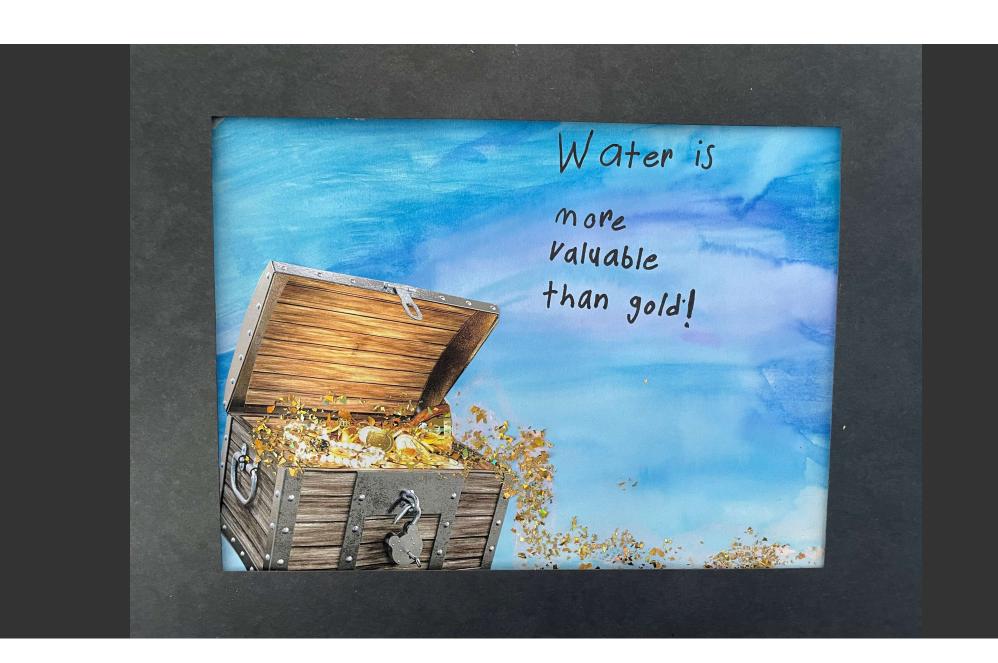




















"I'm part of a team that ensures safe, affordable, high-quality water is available whenever you need it."











"I make sure your drinking water is treated above industry standards and ensure water towers stay full so when you turn on the faucet, water is there for your morning shower and coffee."









"I work to make sure we are innovative with financing options so we keep water rates affordable for the community we serve."



Speaking of Greener Pastures...



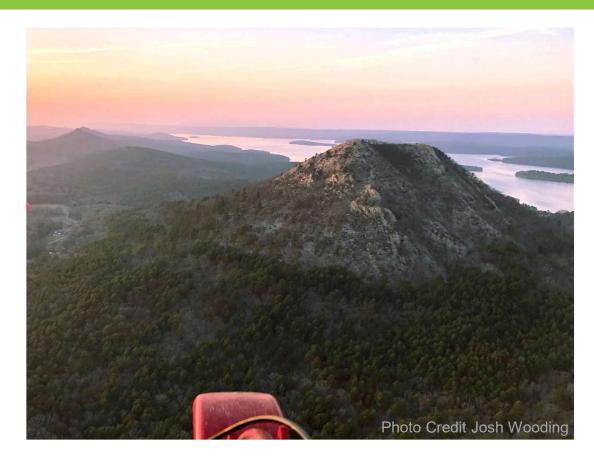




Received <u>First Ever</u> Certified Green Bond for Protection of Forest Lands as Water Infrastructure (October 2020)







Green/Gray Bond- October 2020

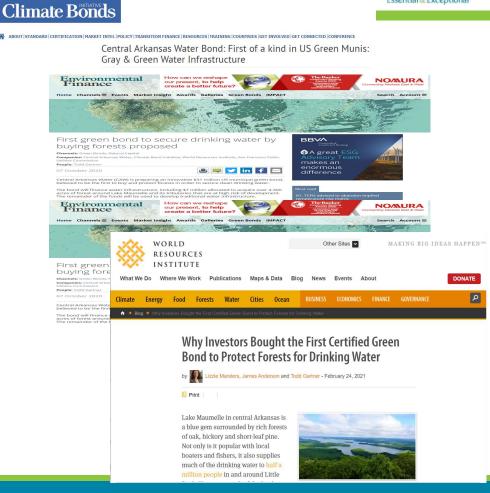


- First-ever in the world certified to protect forests for water quality
- \$10 million for watershed protection
- \$21.8 million for gray infrastructure upgrades that support water delivery system efficiencies
- Three years to draw on funding (interest free period)

Green/Gray Bond- October 2020



- Positive Media Attention
- More bids than traditional competitive bond offering
- Provides immediate matching funds
 - Improves grant ranking/competitiveness
 - Demonstrates Willingness to sellers
- Opened private bridge loan opportunity at <2% interest



Enabling Factors







Looking Forward





Has become the FIRST Water Utility in the world to obtain SFI Certification (2021)



NEWS »EUROPE »IRELAND

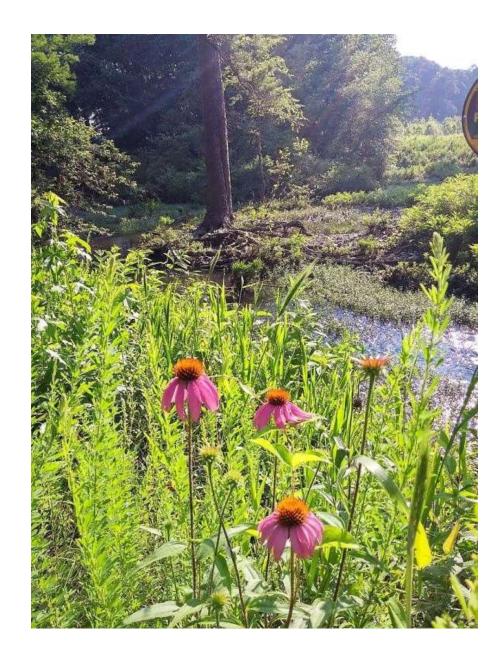
Scientists discover tap water produces a protective shield against microplastics







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- Being a voice for water

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- LIFE

#1 Songs about water



- Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head 1969
- Set Fire to the Rain 2011
- Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay 1968
- □ The Tide is High − 1980
- Moody River 1961

#1 Songs about water



- I Love a Rainy Night 1980
- Bridge Over Troubled Water 1970
- Black Water 1975
- Laughter in the Rain 1975
- The River 1992