



Appalachian
Regional
Commission

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject: Hamiltontown Sewer Project
VA-20403-302-22

Grantee: Wise County Public Service Authority
Wise, VA

Local Contact: Michael Hatfield **Congressional 9**
276-328-2321 **District(s):**

Funding:

ARC	\$500,000
State	\$357,500
Local	\$233,219
Total	\$1,090,719

WASHINGTON, D.C.-

The Appalachian Regional Commission announced today approval of a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to the Wise County Public Service Authority for the Hamiltontown sewer system. The project will entail the installation of 5,540 linear feet (LF) of sewer line to the Hamiltontown community located along State Route 758 in the Town of Wise. The new sewer system will provide service to 13 households in the project service area. The collected wastewater will be routed to the 6.5 MGD Coeburn-Norton-Wise Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant for processing. Through this project, households in a distressed area will receive new sewer service that will help improve public health, land values, development opportunities, and water quality of the Guest River.

Households in the project service area are served by onsite septic systems. Existing systems are subject to poor performance due to age, lack of maintenance, and soil conditions. Many of the systems are estimated to be over 30 years old as no records exist for them. The poor site and soil conditions prevent many households from replacing existing septic systems leading to septic failures and untreated sewage discharge. The untreated sewage discharge makes its way to the

www.arc.gov

1666 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, SUITE 700
WASHINGTON, DC 20009-1068

PH. 202 884 7700

Guest River a designated impaired river due to the high presence of E. coli from exposure to untreated wastewater.

In addition to the \$500,000 in ARC funds, state sources will provide \$357,500, and local sources will provide \$233,219, bringing the total project funding to \$1,090,719.

About the Appalachian Regional Commission

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia and help the region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation. More information is available at www.arc.gov.

Date Approved: 2/14/2022