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10-24-24 Press Release: Junaluska Sanitary District

Junaluska Sanitary District (JSD) has been awarded \$9,495,104 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the HCC/Broyhill and Oak Park Waterline Rehabilitation Project. Press Release from NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ):

<https://www.deq.nc.gov/news/press-releases/2024/07/17/state-announces-253m-drinking-water-wastewater-and-stormwater-projects-statewide>

This project will replace undersized and outdated water mains as well as installing a new water tank. JSD's project will consist of:

- Replacing an outdated and undersized 4-inch water main along Jones Cove Road from the Hospital to Broyhill Children's home and extending to Armory Drive at HCC with an 8-inch waterline to create a "looped" system, provide fire protection and to improve low pressure issues.
- Install a new water tank above Broyhill to improve low pressure issues at Haywood Community College and the surrounding residential communities.
- Replace 2-inch and 3-inch waterlines within the Oak Park and Hill N Dale residential communities that serve over 240 homes with a 6-inch water main to increase flow and provide fire protection.

The funding is contingent on technical reviews with the state and NCDEQ permitting. The technical review and permitting process will take approximately a year to a year and a half before JSD will be approved to begin the construction bidding process. Our hope is to start construction on this project in 2026.

JSD had submitted applications for funding for over 4 years to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for these projects. The state accepts and reviews applications twice a year (in May and November) and JSD had applied each cycle since 2020. Over the last several application periods approximately \$90 million dollars for each cycle were awarded to water systems in the eastern part of the state. In 2023, JSD's General Manager, Engineer and a board member went to Raleigh to meet with NCDEQ about our application requests and the needs we have in the Western part of the state. For the May 2024 funding cycle there were 84 applications submitted requesting approximately \$1.2 billion in funding and only 8 water systems were awarded.

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