

LAUREL VILLAGE: PFAS REMEDIATION

SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE | 2024-2025

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Laurel Village is a small manufactured home community (MHC) in rural Sussex County, Delaware. The community is served by four drinking water wells, which have been found through water quality testing to be contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at levels exceeding the minimum control level (MCL).

Laurel Village was awarded an \$860,000 grant from the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to study and remediate emerging contaminants. The community requested WaterTA assistance to comply with requirements associated with receiving these state funds, including procuring an engineering firm in compliance with state standards, as well as support seeking additional funding to address PFAS contamination.



PROJECT SUMMARY

The Region 3 WaterTA team assisted Laurel Village in procuring an engineer to conduct PFAS remediation work pursuant to the DHHS grant. This included researching the quality-based selection requirements of the program, developing a Request for Proposals and scoring spreadsheet, and compiling a list of consulting firms to solicit.

Additionally, the team supported the submission of a **Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) pre-application in January 2025, requesting \$865,000** to develop treatment options and cost estimates for the wells and distribution system. This project is listed on the DWSRF Project Priority List. If funded, it would provide for an onsite treatment system to remove emerging contaminants, providing safe drinking water for the residents of Laurel Village.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Compliance with DHHS grant requirements to secure PFAS testing
- DWSRF pre-application submitted January 2025, requesting \$865,000 for PFAS treatment
- Project on the DWSRF Project Priority List

The Region 3 WaterTA program helps Mid-Atlantic communities access funding to address water infrastructure needs. This program is coordinated by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center and funded by US EPA.

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