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WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 27, 2014 -- The Water Well Trust, the only national nonprofit helping provide clean, sanitary drinking water to Americans who lack access to a reliable water supply and to construct and document small community water systems using water wells to demonstrate that these systems are more economical.

Since 2012, The Water Well Trust has completed 19 high-need, low-resource projects in rural target areas composed of five counties in northwest Arkansas (Benton, Madison, Marion, Crawford and Franklin Counties) and one contiguous county across the Oklahoma border (Sequoyah County).

The USDA grant will fund the Water Well Trust project in a high-need, low-resource rural target area in Hill County, Texas. Over the next year, the USDA grant monies will be used to drill or rehabilitate at least 19 water wells in these six counties, providing at least 145 individuals with new access to safe drinking water. The grant monies will also provide long-term, low-interest loans to applicants seeking new or improved water wells.

In 2014, the Water Well Trust completed its third project in Ben Hill County, GA, replacing an entire water system for a small community. Engineering estimates to replace the existing, failed water system in Ben Hill County were in excess of $600,000. The Water Well Trust replaced the system with donated funds. WWT also set up financing for the well recipients to pay back a portion of the donated funds. The proven financing capability of the Water Well Trust was instrumental in helping to meet the requirements to secure the USDA grant.

The Water Well Trust was established by the Water Systems Council in 2010 to provide clean, sanitary drinking water to rural households in northwest Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The Water Well Trust will contribute a 51% match towards this project, or $71,400. These funds were donated by Water Systems Council members.

The Water Well Trust Receives $140,000 USDA Household Water Well Systems Grant

For more information, visit waterwelltrust.org.

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2014 FALL FIELD DAY REVIEW
The Virginia Water Well Association was established in June, 1949. The purposes, as set forth in the Association's original Constitution, are as relevant today as they were in 1949:

-To assist, promote, encourage, and support the interests and welfare of the ground water industries in all phases generally, and in particular within the Commonwealth of Virginia;

-To foster, aid and promote scientific education, standards, research, and techniques in order to improve methods of well construction and development, and to advance the science of groundwater hydrology;

-To promote harmony and cooperation between well contractors, water treatment installers, onsite waste water systems installers and geothermal installers as well as governmental and scientific agencies relevant to the proper development and protection of groundwater supplies;

-To encourage cooperation of all interested groups relative to the improvement of drilling, pumping equipment, water treatment, waste water and geothermal technologies;

-To encourage, serve assist and promote close cooperation with the National Ground Water Association, Inc.;

-To collect, analyze and disseminate to the public facts about the role of the water well industry and the onsite water industries in general in the economy of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of the nation; and,

-To advance generally the mutual interests of all those engaged in the onsite groundwater industries, in their own and in the public interest.

VWWA Objectives

Registration is Open!
For more information, visit waterwelltrust.org.

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The Water Well Trust was established by the Water Systems Council in 2010 to provide clean, sanitary drinking water to Americans who lack access to a reliable water supply and to construct and document small community water systems using water wells to demonstrate that these systems are more economical.

In 2012-13, the Water Well Trust completed two small water well projects using federal, state, and WWT donated funds. WWT also set up financing for the well recipients to pay back a portion of the donated funds. The proven financing capability of the Water Well Trust was instrumental in helping to meet the requirements to secure the USDA grant.

In 2014, the Water Well Trust completed its third project in Ben Hill County, GA, replacing an entire water system for a small community. Engineering estimates to replace the existing, failed water system in Ben Hill County were in excess of $600,000. The Water Well Trust replaced the system with donated WWT funds and county funds for just over $81,000 -- an 86% savings.

For more information, visit waterwelltrust.org. 2015 Legislation

621.258 Amending the Ground Water Management Act to require a ground water withdrawal permit for a subdivision in a groundwater management area that will result in total withdrawals of 300,000 gallons or more a month.

*Visit the website for complete proposed legislation text.

2015 Scholarship

If you or someone within your family is in need of some extra cash for school, have them fill out the Scholarship Application and turn it into the VWWA office the first week of January! The recipient will be recognized at the Winter Conference in February.

Application is downloadable from the website or call to have the form faxed or mailed.
The Virginia Water Well Association held our annual Fall Field Day on September 19th in the beautiful countryside of Powhatan, Virginia! It was a day full of mixed weather and great company beginning as the sun rose with a morning lecture from Rick Finney of Foremost and Robert Royall of Royall Pump & Well Company, Inc. The morning talk presented the dual rotary technology and the experience behind offering this rare skill to sustain drilling contractors through the changing times. Dennis Walters of Torrence Rope & Sling emphasized the proper method of utilizing a crane to set-up the jobsite with the steel casing and other drilling components in addition to relating the necessity of sling safety.

From morning to evening over 12 tailgating vendors lined the hill crest promoting their product and engaging with over 175 attendees as they transitioned from the tent location to the adjacent hill top where a live demonstration was underway utilizing the Foremost manufactured Dual Rotary Drill to construct an 8” borehole with plain end steel casing and drive shoe into bedrock. The demonstration provided great insight into how to operate this type of machinery promoting a level of comfort to the contractor attendees should they choose to incorporate this viable and realistic addition to their drilling services for a thriving business.

The Department of Environmental Quality added an hour of insight to the local water movement from monitoring the multiple wells on the property. They also tested out some new equipment which located the bottom of a 1,000 foot well and marked it at grade to visually showcase the 50’ offset from a conventional drilling rig.

At the day’s conclusion; manufacturers, contractors, health sanitarians, and suppliers enjoyed the outdoor setting for a day of demonstration and connection while enjoying each other’s presence with two raffles and dunk tank occupied by Wayne Fenton, a director of the association!

Thank you for coming out and spending the day with us!
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