

Delta Regional Authority (DRA) recently announced a \$3,239,382 investment that will boost economic development and improve the quality of life for Arkansas communities and residents. The investment will be matched by \$7.1 million and will attract an additional \$45.8 million in leveraged private investment (LPI) into the Arkansas Delta.

The 8 new investment projects will improve water and sewer systems, update transportation infrastructure, and support workforce development in communities across the Arkansas Delta. These projects are expected to create or retain 516 jobs, train 240 individuals, and affect 1,068 families.

The projects awarded within the White River Planning and Development District include:

Newport Information Technology Center | Newport, AR: The City of Newport will use DRA funds to construct a parking lot for the Newport Information Technology Training Center. This investment is projected to train 40 individuals.

DRA Investment: \$257,162

Total Investment: \$285,013

Bald Knob Wastewater Treatment Plant Levee Repair | Bald Knob, AR: The City of Bald Knob will use DRA funds to raise the top bank elevation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant equalization basin to prevent overflow and avoid a levee breach. This investment is projected to affect 1,000 families.

DRA Investment: \$254,062

Total Investment: \$281,662

McCrory Killingsworth Sewer Extension | McCrory, AR: The City of McCrory will use DRA funds to extend sewer to the DeltARK facility located at the furthest northwest corner of city limits currently not served by the city sewer. This investment is projected to retain 22 jobs.

DRA Investment: \$62,281

Total Investment: \$68,881