



SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS



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WHO IS EJ WATER?

EJ Water Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit Cooperative founded in 1989 with the focus of “Improving the Quality of Life, the Cooperative Way”. EJ Water has grown into the largest regional water co-op in Illinois, has twice won the Best Tasting Water Award in Illinois, been a finalist for Global Water Awards, and is the winner of Non-Profit Innovation for U.S. Water Alliance 2019 awards. EJ Water strongly believes that partnerships are what will make stronger communities and lives out this belief by partnering with communities of all sizes.

As an expert in the water and wastewater utility space and an organization passionate for helping communities grow, EJ Water has realized that many

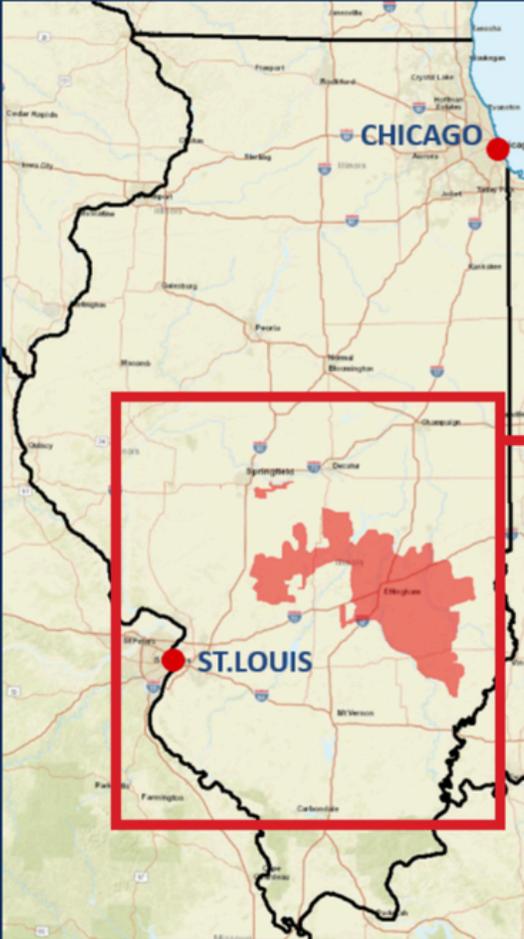
communities are held back by the large amount of debts they acquire and can't repay.

Partnerships allow communities to maximize their resources, share costs, quickly implement new technology, and much more. This unique partnership model, which is supported by the USEPA, USDA, and U.S. Chamber, would provide the communities with a resilient water solution while freeing up resources to invest back into the community.

EJ Water believes partnering is the future of community growth.



EJ WATER SERVICE AREA



MILES OF MAIN
3,257



RURAL POPULATION
SERVICED
48,000+



EJ SERVICE AREA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

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DISTRICT 12

CONGRESSMAN BOST

30,278

SERVED POPULATION

DISTRICT 13

CONGRESSMAN BUDZINSKI

3,807

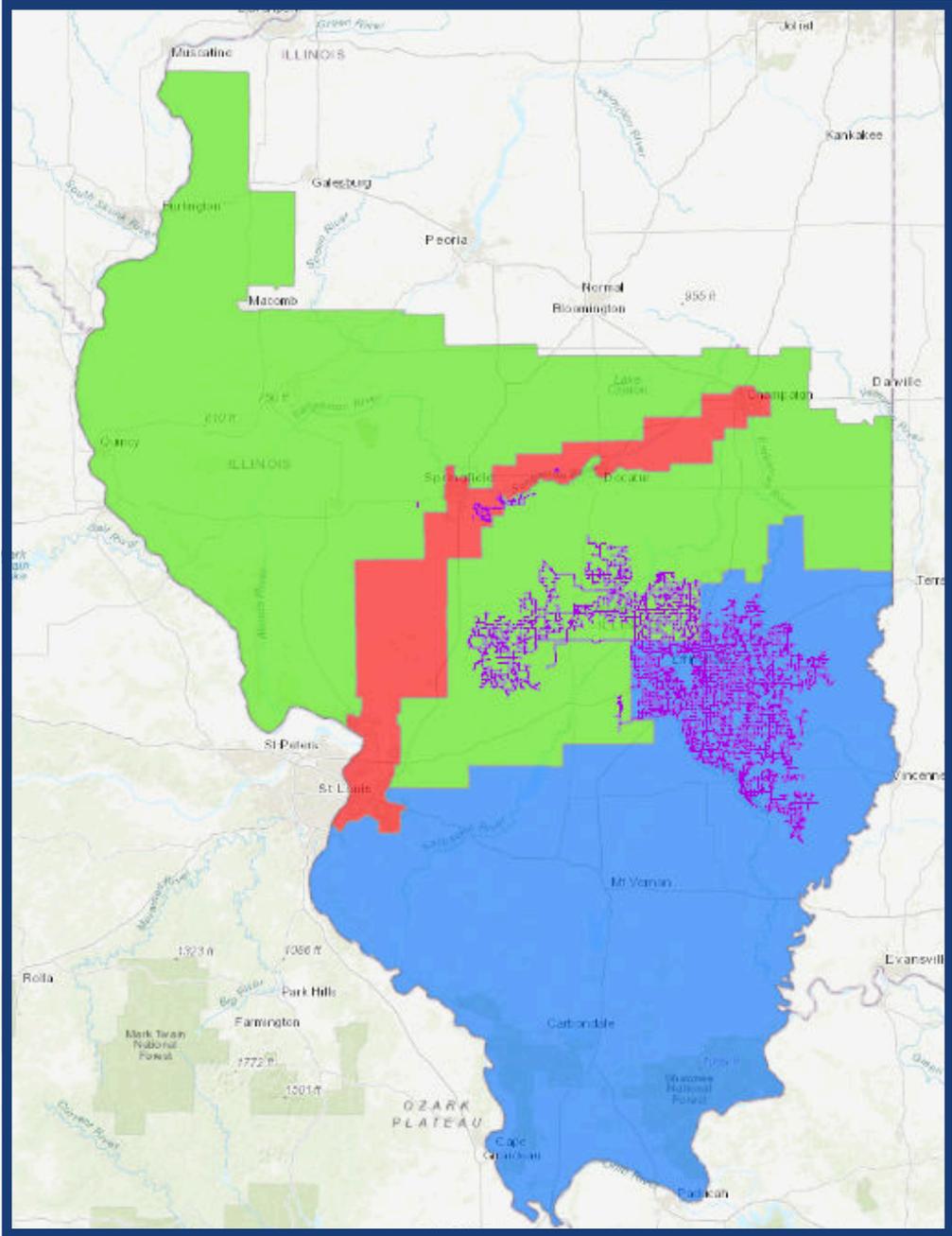
SERVED POPULATION

DISTRICT 15

CONGRESSMAN MILLER

11,760

SERVED POPULATION



EJ WATER LINES **DISTRICT 12** **DISTRICT 13** **DISTRICT 15**

Executive Summary

Montgomery County Service Area Upgrades - Ph 62



Total Project Cost:	\$13,500,000
Rural Development Funded:	<u>\$7,502,000</u>
Request for Funding:	\$5,000,000

OBJECTIVE

Provide a million gallons/day to EJ Water's western side of their distribution system to serve the large, rapid membership growth, along with a recent partnership bringing on a community that serves over 2,500 population and large agricultural membership along with three wholesalers.

BACKGROUND

EJ Water has experienced unprecedented growth with over 1,600 new sign-ups in the system since the water system was started and the recent acquisition of Montgomery County Water. The line loops and transmission main are needed to provide a more reliable supply to the residents and municipalities in this portion of EJ's service area. This project consists of approximately 34 miles of watermain, two new water towers, pump station, and appurtenances.

CHALLENGE

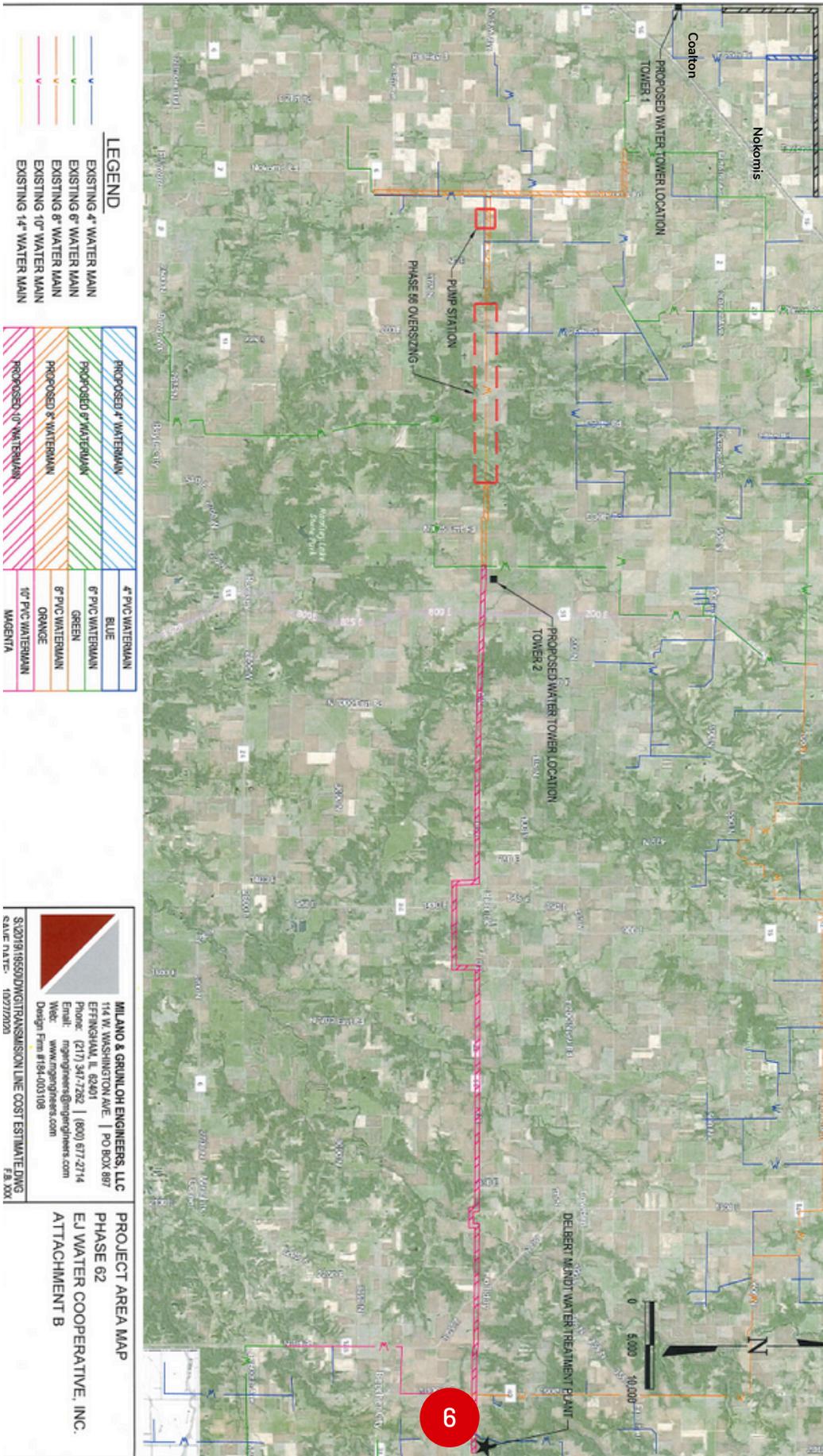
Funding is the main challenge, though EJ Water will have matching funds available if able to receive grants for capital improvements.

PROJECT FEATURES

- An Elevated Water Tower
- Booster Pump Station
- 34 Miles of 10" Watermain
- Members Impacted: City's of Coffeen and Witt, Villages of Owaneco, Panama, and over 2,000 rural customers.
- Location: Fayette, Montgomery, Shelby County
- Total Project Cost: \$13,500,000
- Timeline: 2025-2026

MONTGOMERY COUNTY UPGRADES

MAP





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