



# CITY OF HOT SPRINGS

Utilities Department

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Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

October 15, 2025

Sent via email

Leslie Allen-Daniel  
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5301 Northshore Drive  
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**RE: City of Hot Springs Utilities  
Permit No. AR0033880 / AFIN 26-00145  
Progress Report – Hot Springs Creek Pump Station**

Dear Ms. Allen-Daniel,

Max Foote Construction Company, LLC of Mandeville, Louisiana, is currently under contract for upgrades and repairs to both the Hot Springs #3 and Hot Springs Creek Sewer Pump Stations. Startup is scheduled for October 15, 2025. The work at the Hot Springs #3 Sewer Pump Station is nearing completion, marking a major step forward in the overall system improvements.

With that milestone in sight, focus will soon shift to the Hot Springs Creek Sewer Pump Station. All components for this next phase are already in storage at the City's Adams Drive facility, ensuring that construction can begin without delay. Thanks to prior Board approval for the installation of this equipment, staff anticipates a swift and efficient construction schedule once work gets underway.

Coordination between Max Foote Construction and Eagle Electric of Benton, Arkansas, has already taken place to address the electrical requirements for the project—helping to streamline the process even further.

## **System Performance**

There were no sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) reported in September.

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Should you need further information, please contact me at (501)651-7730 or by email at [mledbetter@cityhs.net](mailto:mledbetter@cityhs.net).

Sincerely,



Monty Ledbetter  
Utilities Director

cc:           **Arkansas Energy & Environment** | Richard Healey, Enforcement Manager  
              **City of Hot Springs** - Bill Burrough, City Manager; Denny McPhate, Deputy City  
              Manager; Harold       Mauldin, Wastewater Facilities Operations Manager; Todd  
              Piller, Capital Projects Manager;  
              **Consultants** - Craig Johnson, Crist Engineers

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**RE: City of Hot Springs Utilities  
Permit No. AR0033880 / AFIN 26-00145 / CAO LIS 22-007  
Update: Manhole 1749, Gulpha Sewer Basin Projects**

Dear Ms. Allen-Daniel,

The following update is a progress update regarding the CAO LIS 22-007 to the Gulpha Basin Gravity Sewer Interceptor and Gulpha Basin Sewer Pump Station.

### **Lower Gulpha Interceptor**

The Gulpha Basin Gravity Sewer Interceptor project, as designed by RJN Group, Inc., has made significant strides with construction already underway. The first section of the interceptor is in progress, and the clearing and grubbing phase has been successfully completed. Coakley Construction is currently working on the ARDOT Bores under Highway 270 (Malvern Avenue) and the Bypass, an essential step for the project. The timeline for this phase points toward a late 2025 or early 2026 completion, keeping the project on track for its planned goals.

### **Gulpha Pump Station Improvements**

The Gulpha Basin Sewer Pump Station Improvements, managed by Crist Engineers, Inc., are progressing smoothly. Max Foote Construction Company, LLC is at the helm of this effort, with the pump station itself now 90% complete. The project remains on schedule, and the anticipated completion date is November 18, 2025, ensuring that all improvements will be wrapped up within the set timeframe.

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## Gulpha Force Main

Hanson & McLaughlin, LLC has been overseeing the design for the Gulpha Basin Pump Station Force Main, which connects the pump station to the Davidson Drive WWTP. Phase 2 of this project, featuring 30" and 36" pipelines, has been successfully completed, marking another milestone in the system's ongoing expansion.

## Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant and UV Disinfection Upgrade

Further supporting this infrastructure overhaul, the Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant is undergoing significant improvements, backed by a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract of \$34,563,000. Max Foote Construction is leading this work, which includes an extensive UV Disinfection Upgrade. The project is progressing as expected, and the completion date is set for August 31, 2026. In addition to the treatment plant work, Max Foote is also constructing a new Discharge Effluent Structure for the 54-inch outfall to Lake Catherine and installing two new Tertiary Filters, key elements to enhance the system's efficiency.

## System Performance

One Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSOs) was reported in September, at Manhole 1749, which was promptly addressed.

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**Consultants** - Karl Hanson, Hanson McLaughlin; Chris Leathers, RJN Group; Craig Johnson, Crist Engineers; Elizabeth Heiles, Hawkins-Weir Engineers

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# SEPTEMBER SSO REPORT for Manhole 1749

## Gulpha Sewer Basin/Gulpha Creek and Spencer Bay

### Manhole 1748

Overflow Date: 9/12/2025  
End Date: 9/12/2025  
Cause: Line Failure  
Discharge: Approximately 9,000 gallons discharged to Gulpha Creek/Spencer Bay  
Clean Up: Hydro, Jet-Vac, Environmental, Raked & Picked Up Debris, Spread Lime  
CodeRed Issued: 9/12/2025  
CodeRed Cancelled: 9/15/2025

### Lab Results

| Sample Date: | 9/12/25       |
|--------------|---------------|
| Site No.     | E. coli (cfu) |
| 1            | 19.9          |

CodeRed Signage Placed 9/12/2025



CodeRed Signage Removed 9/15/2025





## Environmental Cleanup – Manhole 1749 – 9/13/2025



Manhole 1749 Before Cleanup



Manhole 1749 Before Cleanup



Manhole 1749 Before Cleanup



Manhole 1749 After Cleanup



## Environmental Cleanup – Manhole 1749 – 9/13/2025



Manhole 1749 After Cleanup



Manhole 1749 After Cleanup

Manhole 1749 was deteriorated from age and sewer gasses. It broke apart. It has been temporarily repaired and will be eliminated once the new force main is complete. Manhole 1750 no longer exists.