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A PROJECT EVERYONE CAN CELEBRATE

Turning Wastewater into Worthwhile Savings

BEDFORD, Va. — In celebration of Earth Day, the Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) is recognizing a major milestone: two years of successful environmental improvements and cost savings at its Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Through a forward-thinking public-private partnership with Schneider Electric, BRWA has significantly modernized its infrastructure to ensure more sustainable, resilient operations. The project included upgrades to critical systems, enhanced process redundancy, and the implementation of energy conservation measures (ECMs) designed to support both current operations and future growth.



To commemorate the achievement, U.S. Representative Morgan Griffith joined lawmakers, environmental advocates, regulators, and project partners for a celebratory event on Tuesday.

"As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I believe it is important to support measures that help the country's conservation efforts and also facilitate economic growth and development," Rep. Griffith said. "I appreciate the opportunity to celebrate Earth Day with Bedford Regional Water Authority and bring awareness to their initiatives that help the region's environment."

Environmental Gains and Economic Results

- Cleaner streams due to reductions in untreated wastewater discharge
- Fewer landfill trips resulting in reduced waste and lower carbon emissions
- Greater system reliability through improved operational redundancy
- Ongoing cost savings of more than \$217,000 per year

"Over the past decade, our collaboration with the BRWA has been a journey of innovation and progress," said Pam Janney, Director of East Coast Utility and Complex Project Development at Schneider Electric. "The transformation of the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant is a testament to our shared vision for environmental stewardship and operational excellence."

Brian Key, Executive Director of the BRWA, reflected on the Milestone: *"This project has been years in the making—and we started realizing cost savings even before completion. It's rare for a major treatment plant upgrade to pay for itself with operational savings, let alone deliver environmental benefits at the same time. That's what makes this project so special—and why such a diverse group came together to celebrate its success."*

About the Bedford Regional Water Authority

The Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) provides reliable, high-quality water and wastewater services to the residents and businesses of Bedford County and the Town of Bedford. With a commitment to collaboration, adaptability, results, and enthusiasm, we ensure that our community thrives through sustainable water management.

In partnership with the Western Virginia Water Authority, we also serve the Smith Mountain Lake area, including parts of Bedford and Franklin Counties.

At the BRWA, our vision is clear: *Clean Water. Healthy Environment. Thriving Community.* For more information, visit www.brwa.com.

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