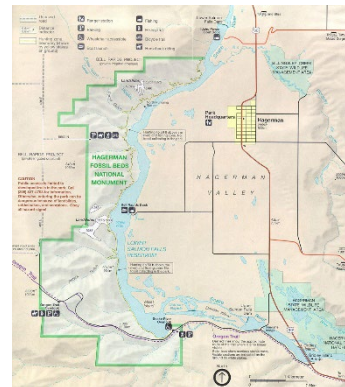


UPGRADES TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND PURCHASE OF 100 ACRES FOR BENEFICIAL REUSE OF WATER EFFLUENT

STATE PROGRAM: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT: City of Hagerman

ASSISTANCE AMOUNT: \$5M



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2014, the City of Hagerman, Idaho submitted a letter to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) indicating the desire to finance upgrades to their wastewater treatment infrastructure, as well as purchase 100 acres for the beneficial reuse of wastewater effluent. At a price tag of \$10 million, Hagerman also needed to determine how a population of less than 1,000 was going to pay for the project. Even with low CWSRF interest rates, monthly user fees would need to be raised to \$115 to pay back a loan. Thanks to collaboration between the engineering staff at DEQ and other federal and state funding sources, Hagerman was able to reduce the cost of the project to \$7.8 million. DEQ provided Hagerman with a \$5 million loan and \$1.2 million in principal forgiveness, with the remaining infrastructure costs covered by other funding agencies. This collaboration between funding partners satisfied Hagerman's infrastructure needs and maintained a manageable monthly user fee of \$57.

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