

The City of Mt. Pulaski is located in Logan County, approximately 7 miles from Illinois American Water's Lincoln District. The City of Mt. Pulaski has a population of 1,566 and serves approximately 834 drinking water and 800 wastewater customers. The City of Mt. Pulaski joined Illinois American Water's Western Division in December 2021.

## **CHALLENGES**

- Water Quality: The City was experiencing high levels of iron, manganese and nitrates.
   Finished levels were just under the current primary standard limit.
- Financial: The City was concerned about the financial capital needs and wanted to invest in other community needs.
- Rates: City officials were concerned about the capital work needed to adequately invest in the local water and wastewater systems.

## **SOLUTION**

The City of Mt. Pulaski chose to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to sell its water and wastewater assets. Through the competitive RFP process, Illinois American Water was selected by the City as the best long-term solution provider for its residents.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Water Quality: Illinois American Water plans to invest approximately \$13.8 million in the first five years of ownership to upgrade the City of Mt. Pulaski's water and wastewater systems. Illinois American Water also assumed responsibility for compliance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
- Financial: The City received \$4.25 million for the sale of the water and wastewater systems upon regulatory approval of the acquisition. This financial gain allowed the City to purchase new equipment for Public Works and focus on other projects.
- Rates: Mt. Pulaski joined Illinois American Water's existing rate structures, which will be able to sustain any future capital needs for the systems.

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# SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

Selling the City's water and wastewater systems were in the best interest of the residents.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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