

# Arkansas Water Plan Update Fact Sheet



## A History of Statewide Water Planning

1939

First Arkansas Water Plan completed.

1975

First Arkansas Water Plan update.

1990

First major update introduced a statewide water inventory and future needs assessment.

2014

Next revision reaffirmed priorities, addressing drinking water supply, wastewater treatment, and nonpoint source pollution.

2023

Governor Sanders initiated new update to the plan through Executive Order 23-27.

## About the Arkansas Water Plan

The **Arkansas Water Plan** is the state's comprehensive policy for the development, management, and conservation of water and related land resources. It serves as a **long-term strategy** to ensure that all Arkansans have access to safe, reliable water supplies while supporting the state's **economic, environmental, and public health needs**.

## Goals of the Current Update

- 1 Provide safe drinking water that supports public health and well-being.
- 2 Support environmental and economic benefits.
- 3 Use the best available science, data, and tools for water management.
- 4 Maintain and improve infrastructure.
- 5 Protect and improve water quality.
- 6 Reduce flooding impacts on people, property, agriculture, industry, and the environment.

## Current Update

The latest update builds on past plans and includes new priorities such as flood risk reduction.

**Phase 1 (Completed August 2024):** Stakeholder input gathered through 5 regional meetings, 7 technical focus groups, and over 30 presentations statewide.

**Phase 2 (Underway):** Data analysis of water supply, demand, quality, and infrastructure needs.

**Final Plan:** Expected in 2026.

## How to Get Involved

Stakeholder Survey



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