A Major Milestone: Bryant's CAO Release

What is a CAO?
A Consent Administrative Order is an enforceable agreement with Arkansas's environmental regulator (ADEQ) requiring a utility to correct identified violations.

Ten years of commitment. A milestone worth celebrating.
Since 2016, Bryant has sustained the engineering, rehabilitation, funding and daily work needed to address the order.

Why this matters
Release closes this chapter of formal corrective action. It reflects years of work by our employees, leadership and state partners and our unified commitment to keep improving.

From a State Order to Sustained Action

2016: A clear responsibility to improve.
The order documented 86 SSOs totaling over 919,000 gallons between Jan. 5, 2013 and Apr. 27, 2016.

Bryant committed to immediate SSO reduction and an engineer-developed corrective action plan with enforceable milestones.

Years of engineering, rehabilitation and investment followed, with progress reporting and ongoing coordination with ADEQ.

2026: A major milestone - the release from CAO 16-057!!
The responsibility to maintain and improve our system continues.

Our Crew. Our System. Our Commitment.

A crew dedicated to pipe bursting keeps improvement moving throughout Bryant by replacing and upgrading sewer lines to increase capacity.

$537,000 allocated in 2024.
$537,000 allocated again in 2025.
$1.074 million across those two years.
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Many other budgeted projects and efforts throughout the previous years

That investment builds on many years of continuous pipe-bursting efforts and our employees' daily commitment to a stronger system.

Years of Investment. Tangible Progress.

CAO-related budgets, plans and allocations | 2016–2026

Year	Identified amount	Record type
2016	**Not isolated**	No separate amount established
2017	**$1,000,000**	Capital proposal
2018	**$2,825,000**	Capital proposal
2019	**$1,500,000**	Capital proposal
2020	**$1,578,050**	Annual budget line
2021	**$1,563,500**	Capital proposal
2022	**$2,162,000**	Capital planning list
2023	**$250,000**	CAO capital-work line
2024	**$537,000**	Pipe bursting allocation
2025	**$537,000**	Pipe bursting allocation
2026	**$483,285**	CAO capital request

INVESTING IN WHAT COMES NEXT

$1.1 MILLION

ARPA allocated to Lift Station 5

CONTINUOUS IN-HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

$1.074 MILLION

Pipe bursting allocations, 2024–2025

Lift Station 5 Improvements

WHY: Increase pumping capacity and address historically chronic overflows.

AS OF AUG. 2026: Hawkins-Weir design approximately 60%; project details being finalized.

FUNDING: $1.1M ARPA allocation for initiation/engineering; construction loan options being pursued.

TARGET: Q2 2028 (anticipated).
Source: City project schedule, Aug. 12, 2026; DEQ July 2, 2026 minutes. Design underway; construction not complete.

Lift Station 5 Force Main

New parallel conveyance to support increased LS5 pumping and relieve force-main capacity restrictions.

AS OF AUG. 2026: Approximately 80% design; nearing state review. Easement acquisition underway.

FUNDING: State Water & Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant application; SRF/Rural Water alternatives.

TARGET: Q1 2028 (anticipated).
Source: City project schedule, Aug. 12, 2026; DEQ July 2, 2026 minutes. Not completed construction.

Springhill Gravity Main

WHY: Relieve downstream gravity-sewer capacity restrictions in the Springhill service area.

AS OF AUG. 2026: McClelland design 100% complete and plans approved; remaining easements and cost share being coordinated.

FUNDING: Utility reserves, impact fees, budgeted capital and possible developer contribution.

TARGET: Q3 2027 (anticipated).
Sources: City schedule, Aug. 12, 2026; WWSMP TM3, pp. 39–41. Approved design does not mean completed construction.

Progress Built on Strong Partnerships

ADEQ: Cooperation throughout the years
Regular communication, technical review and progress reporting helped Bryant address the order and keep improvements moving.

Arkansas Department of Agriculture • Natural Resources Division
Their expertise, guidance and State Revolving Fund financing have been vital. Bryant completed Lea Circle with SRF support.

Relationships built on trust and follow-through
Years of cooperation and visible investment have strengthened these relationships and shown our state partners Bryant's sustained commitment.

Strategic funding. Continued progress.
We will keep matching eligible projects to SRF financing, grants and local resources. Thank you to our state partners for helping Bryant build the best system we can.