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Lincoln Parish Police Jury

100 W Texas Ave # 301 Ruston, LA 71270

Mr. Hall,

The Sparta Groundwater Commission continues to work for the north Louisiana parishes with the primary goal of the preservation of the Sparta Aquifer for generations to come. The consistent support that Lincoln Parish has provided has aided our efforts in regional education programs, community and leadership outreach, and continued quest for current and future planning data.

The Sparta Commission's persistent efforts to fund an updated groundwater study and the development of a water budgeting database have proved successful. Thanks to the support of our region, including the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, we were selected as a recipient of the EDA's 2019 Disaster Relief grant funds. Our progress on this project continues to move forward as we now have in place a four-year CEA with USGS for annual data collection. In addition, we implemented a contract with Burns & McDonnell which will result in an updated groundwater model and water budget in the Spring of 2024. This water management tool, upon completion, will be made available to the region's stakeholders including Lincoln Parish leadership.

Lincoln Parish has proved to be a strong advocate for the preservation of the Sparta Aquifer for many years. The 2023 contribution of \$2,500 has been greatly appreciated. As you are preparing your 2024 budget the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission respectfully asks for your continued active support and consideration of a financial contribution equal to or greater than previous years. If there is any further documentation or information desired feel free to contact me at your convenience!

The Sparta Groundwater Commission will continue to work for the citizens of our region to ensure that the Sparta Aquifer remains a viable water resource for generations to come!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Gouedy
Executive Director

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