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Utah —Rural Utilities Service

Strategic Partners

USDA Funded Water Treatment Project Receives Award

Outline Of Need:

As a rural town in the northeastern corner of the state, Garden City is a small community located on the shores of Bear Lake, which is often said to be the “Caribbean of the Rockies” due it its stunning clear blue water. A diverse population of thousands of people come in the summer from all over the world. Garden City’s primary source of water comes from the natural flowing Swan Creek Spring. It was discovered that the city was receiving raw water from the spring directly into the town’s drinking water system. Recently it was determined that the spring was influenced by surface waters. As a result, The Utah Division of Drinking Water issued a Regulatory Mandate for the town to improve their system.

How Rural Development Helped:

Rural Development along with the Utah Division of Drinking Water provided a much needed loan and grant to construct a new water treatment facility located adjacent to the spring. The new plant uses micro-filtration technology. The micro-filtration system was a must for the town and citizens as they

Fast Facts

Program: Community Facilities

Investment: \$2,24,000 Loan and \$647,000 Grant

Congressional District 1, Congressman Rob Bishop

Senators: Orrin G. Hatch, Mike Lee

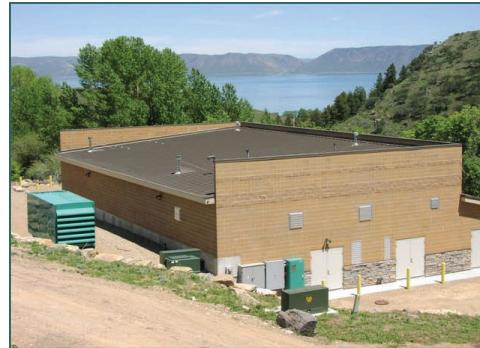
Partners: Utah Division of Drinking Water

Demographics

Rural Population—562

Impact:

- Residents received reliable drinking water for years to come.
- 2 jobs created



Garden City's Water Treatment Plant with Bear Lake in background.

Travis Hobbs, Garden City Public Works Director accepts "Utah's Most Improved Water System Award for 2010" from the Rural Water Association of Utah.



did not want any chemical pollutants added to their pure spring water.

The Results:

The Town's constant goal is to provide citizens with a safe and a dependable supply of drinking water, and meet those needs year round. The massive population influx on the rural town creates opportunities and difficult challenges. Garden City is better off due to the assistance given through Rural Development's Water and Environmental Programs and now has reliable, safe drinking water for residents and the many tourists who come to enjoy the beautiful sights of Bear Lake. The new plant will provide adequate water for many years to come and is currently filtering 3.5 million gallons of water per day, a requirement during the summer months.

The Town is rich in history and living up to their motto, “Enjoying the Present, Remembering the Past and Preserving the Future.”

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