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### Over \$558,000 in Funding Provided for Nine Arkansas Unpaved Road Projects

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** — The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that nine projects will receive a total of \$558,756 in funding through the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program (AURP). The AURP funds projects that reduce sediment and nutrients from entering streams, rivers, and lakes to maintain and improve water quality. The projects receiving funding in 2024 are as follows:

- **Arkansas County**, Eldridge Road Project
- **Independence County**, Big Creek Road Project
- **Lincoln County**, Longview Road Project
- **Pope County**, Silex Road Project
- **Scott County**, Dooley Road Project
- **Sevier County**, Allen Road Project
- **Sharp County**, Bakers Cemetery Road
- **Van Buren County**, Brickey Road Project
- **Yell County**, Buckman Road

“Nearly 50 percent of all public roads in Arkansas are unpaved and this program is an essential tool to fund safe, efficient improvement projects while training road maintenance professionals on best management practices,” said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward.

Projects are reviewed according to established criteria and selected for funding by the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Technical Committee which includes representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies and organizations. The AURP, created by Act 898 of 2015, receives \$300,000 annually in appropriated state funds and has been supplemented through federal 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Sub-Award Grants since 2019. Since its inception, the program has provided nearly \$9 million in county, state, and federal funding for 64 projects in 25 counties.

Learn more about the AURP [here](#).

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