



# CITY OF BLAIR

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June 30, 2025

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources  
245 Fallbrook Blvd, Suite 201  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68521

RE: City of Blair Low Water Intake, Water Sustainability Fund Grant

Please accept this as my final report on the Water Sustainability Fund Grant that the City of Blair received.

The City of Blair was able to utilize these funds, along with city funds and SRF program dollars, to complete a nearly 14 million low water intake. This new intake will ensure that the City of Blair's Water Treatment Plant can meet its demands well into the future. The city completed construction in early 2025 and made final adjustments and equipment installation this past spring.

The new intake has already proven its value by being utilized during low water events this past winter. These events would have typically forced city staff to install temporary pumps into the river. Having the new intake helped us avoid this added step and keep our city staff away from the icy riverbank. Having the ability to use this new intake in conjunction with the current intake or vice versa has also allowed crews to do maintenance on the existing intake without stopping the flow of water.

By the end of July, we will commence our Phase 5 expansion on WTP, increasing our production capacity from 20 MGD to 27 MGD. This will help meet the demands of our growing industrial partners in Blair. The intake, Phase 5, and a second direct 30-inch water main to the Cargill campus will help meet the growing demands on our system.

Sincerely

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