

We have lived on our 40-acre rural S. Benton County woodland property since 1986. In that time, we have experienced decreasing ground water availability, as evidenced by our well low-flow monitoring device. We have also installed an electronic groundwater well device that works 24 hours a day, and gives us data about our well. It is essential that the Water Resources Department have support and funding available to help rural communities understand their water issues, to provide more widespread data-monitoring capability. This is the future of our communities, and this type of information, research, and support is essential. Thank you.