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FROM THE GM'S DESK



BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT'S SHARED MISSION: WATER SECURITY AND RESILIENCY FOR ALL



Every drop counts – and in Baguio, where our growing population, booming tourism, and unpredictable weather all put pressure on our supply, making sure there's enough clean water for everyone is a shared responsibility.At Baguio Water District (BWD), we work hard every day to keep taps running, but we also know that lasting water security and resiliency can only happen if the whole community is involved.

Over the years, we have been upgrading and expanding our system – laying new pipelines, drilling deep wells, and improving pumping stations – so water reaches more homes, with fewer service interruptions. We have also been fixing old, leaky pipes to save even just a single drop. In areas where supply is critical, we are making targeted improvements to boost water pressure and coverage.

But our work isn't just about infrastructure, it is also about protecting the very sources of our water. This is why the district partners with stakeholders and volunteers to care for our watersheds, reforest degraded areas, and guard against encroachment and activities that could harm the environment. Through IEC, we encourage to use water wisely, fix household leaks, collect rainwater, or simply turn off tap when it's not in use.

We also prepare for challenges brought about by climate change. During dry months, we adjust schedules to stretch our supply, and during heavy rains, we manage reservoirs carefully to store water for later use. New technologies help us monitor, control, and respond to changes in demand and supply in real time.

BWD also works with national and even international partners to learn new ways and innovate things to safeguard our water, whether it's through advanced leak detection, better groundwater management, or disaster preparedness. We also ensure that our customers are informed through regular advisories, consultations, and open communication.

But here's the heart of the matter: no matter how much we upgrade and improve, the best defense for our city's water future is all of us working together. Every drop saved, every tree planted, and every watershed protected brings us closer to a future where clean, safe water is not just for today but for generations to come.

Let us take care of our water, Baguio – because it takes a community to keep life flowing.

(Sgd.) **ENGR. SALVADOR M. ROYECA, CE, SE, MBA**
General Manager

BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT

COMMISSIONS CIUDAD GRANDE PHASE 2 DEEPWELL

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE TO BOOST WATER SUPPLY OF OVER 3,000 HOUSEHOLDS



THE BAGUIO Water District (BWD) officially commissioned the newly completed Ciudad Grande Phase 2 Deepwell on March 12, 2025, in Bakakeng Sur, Baguio City. This milestone marks a significant step in BWD's ongoing efforts to improve water accessibility and service reliability for the city's residents.

The new deepwell is projected to benefit 3,170 households by providing a stable, safe, and adequate water supply – particularly critical during the dry season when water sources seasonally decline. With 95% of Bakakeng Sur's population relying on BWD for their daily water needs, the newly commissioned deepwell will play a vital role in enhancing the area's overall water distribution system.

With an initial yield of 100 gallons per minute (GPM), the deepwell adds around 500 cubic meters of potable water to BWD's daily output. This increase in supply is expected to help accommodate new water service connections in the area and reduce dependence on costly private water delivery services.

The commissioning of the Ciudad Grande Phase 2 Deepwell reaffirms BWD's commitment to upgrading its water infrastructure to keep pace with the city's increasing population and urban development. It forms part of the District's broader strategy to expand water service coverage and ensure long-term sustainability through continuous improvement, expansion, and rehabilitation programs.

As Baguio continues to face the challenges of urbanization and climate variability, BWD remains steadfast in its mission to provide reliable and affordable potable water to every household. **-BWD**





PUROK 2 IRISAN DEEPWELL PROJECT COMPLETES PHASE 1

COMMISSIONING SET FOR MAY

THE BAGUIO Water District (BWD) is set to activate the Purok 2 Irisan deepwell in Irisan Barangay, Baguio City by mid-May 2025, pending the installation of final appurtenances. Once operational, the new facility is expected to directly benefit at least 4,000 active service connections.

The completion of Phase 1 of the project – including drilling works - was achieved on March 24, 2025. Site clearing and the demobilization of temporary facilities are currently ongoing in preparation for the facility's dry run and full commissioning.

The development marks a significant milestone for BWD, which has faced repeated challenges over the past decade in identifying additional water sources, particularly to augment supply in the northeastern portion of the city. Baguio's most populous barangay stands to significantly benefit from the new deepwell.

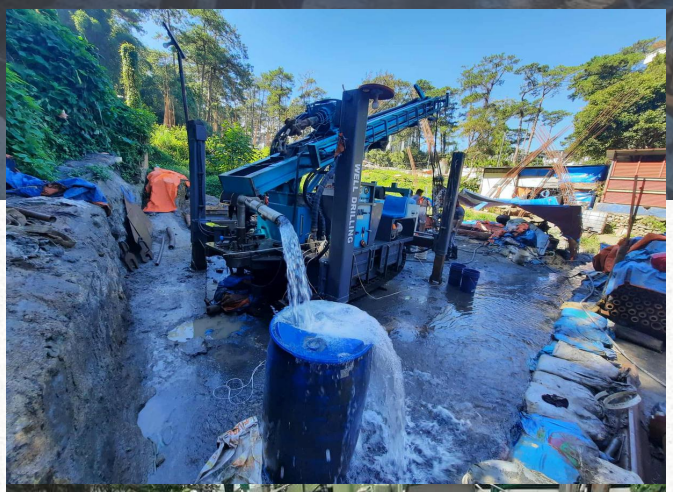
The commissioning of Purok 2 Irisan deepwell is expected to enhance water supply reliability in areas currently dependent on the Irisan Deepwell 1. These include San Carlos Heights, UP Village, Marville, La Chesa, Tacay Road, and parts of Asin Road, among others.



BWD General Manager Engr. Salvador M. Royeca emphasized the District's ongoing commitment to improving water services for its growing customer base. He affirmed BWD's dedication to bridging the gap between water supply and demand through strategic planning and long-term solutions to ensure a sustainable water future for Baguio City. **-BWD**



BWD FAST-TRACKS COMPLETION OF WELL-DRILLING PROJECTS TO BOOST WATER SUPPLY







THE BAGUIO Water District (BWD) is expediting the completion of three (3) of its ongoing well-drilling projects, set to be commissioned within the next two (2) months following the successful completion of their initial phases. These new deepwells are expected to boost the city's water supply and directly benefit around 8,000 active service connections.

The well-drilling sites under fast-track implementation are located in Purok 2 Irisan; Slaughter Compound along Magsaysay Road; and Irisville Subdivision in Upper Irisan Barangay. Once operational, these will bring to five (5) the total number of newly activated deepwells in 2025, including the Happy Glenn and the Ciudad Grande deepwells, which were commissioned earlier this year in January and March, respectively.

In addition, five more exploratory drilling projects are underway in various locations including the Pinsao Pilot Project, Old Lucban, Wright Park, Queen of Angels–Lourdes area, and Buyog Watershed. These are expected to be completed before the end of 2025. A total of approximately Php100 million has been allocated to fund the District's well-drilling initiatives for the year.

These developments reaffirm BWD's commitment to ensuring the availability of sustainable and reliable water sources for the residents of Baguio City – today and for future generations. **-BWD**

BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT JOINS THE 1ST NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF EASE OF DOING BUSINESS MONTH



FROM RED TAPE TO RED CARPET: BETTER BUSINESS MOVEMENT IN A BAGONG PILIPINAS

IN SUPPORT of Presidential Proclamation No. 818, declaring the month of May as *"Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Month,"* the Baguio Water District (BWD) joins the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) in leading a month-long series of initiatives and activities aimed at promoting efficiency, integrity, and accountability in government service.

With this year's theme: *"From Red Tape to Red Carpet: Better Business Movement in a Bagong Pilipinas (#R2C:BBMBP),"* BWD officially kicked off its participation through an EODB-themed flag ceremony held on May 05, 2025, at the BWD Engr. Felino D. Lagman Hall. The simple activity featured Ms. Sheila Rosemarie M. Songgadan, Regional Chief of ARTA for Northern Luzon Regional Field Office (ARTA-NLRFO), as the guest speaker.

In her address, RC Songgadan commended BWD's efforts and called on its workforce to remain steadfast in supporting the implementation of Republic Act No. 11032, or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018. She emphasized the importance of eliminating bureaucratic red tape, streamlining government processes, and improving the overall quality of public service across the country.

Meanwhile, BWD General Manager Engr. Salvador M. Royeca reaffirmed the District's unwavering commitment to advancing the objectives of EODB. He underscored BWD's dedication to contributing to national efforts that foster a more responsive, transparent, and business-friendly government.

Proclamation No. 818 aims to institutionalize improvements in the delivery of government services by urging all government agencies – including government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) and local government units (LGUs), to effectively implement programs and initiatives aligned with EODB principles.

The proclamation also encourages the active involvement of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and the private sector in supporting ARTA's initiatives, thereby creating a more collaborative and inclusive approach to reforming public service delivery.

For more information on EODB month activities, the public is encouraged to visit the official ARTA website at: https://arta.gov.ph/eodbmonth/. **-BWD**



Baguio Water District (BWD) General Manager Engr. Salvador M. Royeca awards a certificate of appreciation to the Anti-Red Tape Authority North Luzon Regional Field Office (ARTA-NLRFO) Regional Chief Sheila Rosemarie M. Songgadan during the BWD's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Month-themed flag ceremony held on May 5, 2025. ***-BWD file photo***

BWD SPEED-UP COMPLETION OF UPPER PUROK 1, HAPPY HALLOW EXPANSION PROJECT



Photos show the pipe-laying activites along Upper Purok 1, Happy Hallow, Baguio City. -***BWD file photos***

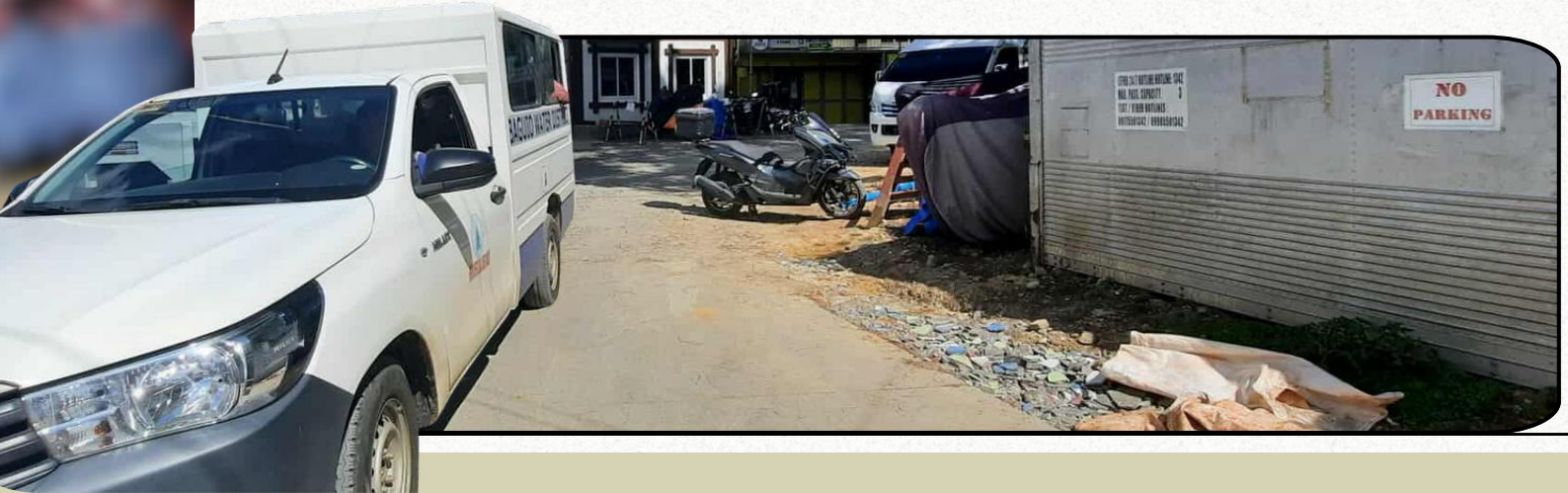
IN LINE with its ongoing commitment to ensure access to safe and potable water for communities within its service area, the Baguio Water District (BWD) is expediting the completion of its pipelaying project in Upper Purok 1, Happy Hallow, Baguio City.

The expansion project, which began on May 15, 2025, aims to optimize the output and expand the service reach of the South Drive and Gibraltar deepwells. It involves the installation of 350 meters of 2"Ø HDPE pipeline along Upper Purok 1, Happy Hallow. These pipes will be connected to the existing Tourism Infrastructure Water Supply Program (TouWa) line, which runs along BCC Village – Happy Hallow and is currently supplied by the South Drive Deepwell.

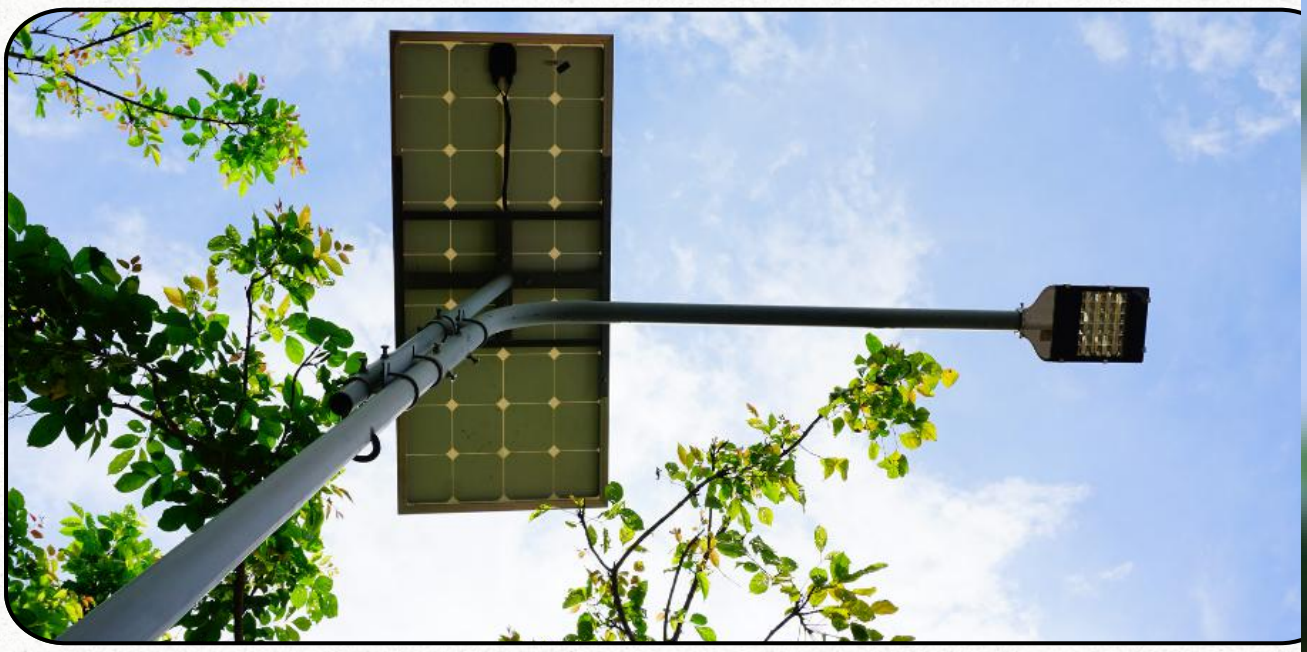
As of June 06, 2025, pipelaying activities have been completed, with hydrotesting and interconnection works currently underway. The project is slated for completion by the end of June or early July 2025.

BWD allocated around Php460,000 for this project, which is designed to serve new water service connections located 300 meters to 500 meters from the existing BWD distribution line. Upon completion, the project will benefit approximately 100 households and establishments that currently depend on private water deliveries and a spring that frequently dries up.

Through this and other infrastructure initiatives, BWD continues to address the increasing water needs of the public and remains steadfast in its mission to deliver efficient, sustainable, and accessible water services to all. **-BWD**



BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT ALLOTS P6.68 MILLION FOR SOLAR STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION ACROSS FACILITIES



THE BAGUIO Water District (BWD) has allocated a total of Php6.7M for the installation of solar-powered street lights across its various facilities in Baguio City and parts of Benguet. This is in line with the continuing program to upgrade the District's equipment and to venture into renewable energy.

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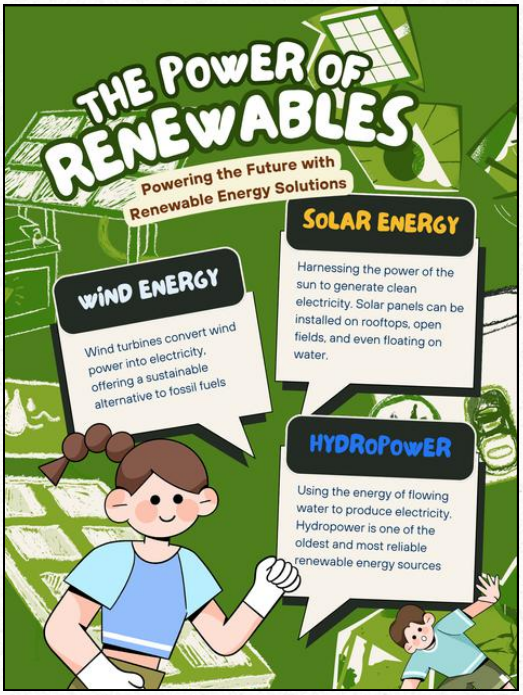
"Investing in these new solar facilities is crucial to the operation of the District, particularly in providing a working environment for our personnel during nighttime and, of course, to reduce the expenses on BWD's monthly electric bills," GM Royeca said. He added that the solar lights are particularly valuable during unscheduled power interruptions.

BWD's shift to renewable energy is aligned with its commitment to address climate change, particularly in reducing carbon emissions and supporting long-term environmental sustainability and energy security.

The project began in October 2024 and was completed on May 8, 2025. Under the terms of the contract, the supplier provided a two-year warranty and free service for all installed components.

Among the facilities that now benefit from solar lighting are the Sto. Tomas Rain Basin, KM. 8 Reservoir, Irisan Pumping Stations, and Amparo deepwells, among others. BWD's electricity expenses typically range between Php15 million to around Php19 million monthly, making energy-efficient upgrades a key strategy in managing operational costs. **-BWD**





EODB MONTH ACTIVITIES. Baguio Water District Committee on Anti-Red Tape (BWD CART), headed by General Manager and CART Chairperson Engr. Salvador M. Royeca (8th from right), together with the validation team from the Anti-Red Tape Authority Northern Luzon Regional Field Office (ARTA NLRFO), led by Assistant Regional Chief Atty. Marcos P. Darwin (6th from right) poses as they conclude the exit conference during the Nationwide Frontline Service Inspection part of the Ease of Doing Business Month activities on May 14, 2025.-***BWD file photo***

BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT PARTICIPATES IN NATIONWIDE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS VALIDATION

THE BAGUIO Water District (BWD), through the Anti-Red Tape Authority Northern Luzon Regional Field Office (ARTA NLRFO), joined hundreds of government agencies and offices in the Nationwide Frontline Service Inspection on May 14, 2025. The activity is one of the highlights of the inaugural celebration of Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Month.

The validation was led by ARTA NLRFO Regional Chief Sheila Rosemarie M. Songgadan and Assistant Regional Chief Atty. Darwin P. Marcos. Together with the Regional Validation Team – composed of Atty. Maria Ruffa Millan-Dizo, Engr. Antonio Gardose III, Ms. Rochelle Joy Dulagan, and Mr. Sonny Olas – they conducted an on-site inspection and observation of BWD's external services, focusing particularly on the processing of new water service connection applications.

During the inspection, BWD's compliance with various ARTA requirements was assessed, including Adherence to the Citizen's Charter; Compliance with prescribed processing time;







Professionalism of the Public Assistance and Compliance Desk (PACD); Availability of feedback mechanisms; Efficiency of queue management and service area organization; Accessibility and client-friendliness of the facility; Availability and performance of online or digital service channels; Visibility of EODB Month advocacy materials; and Overall experience and perception of clients and customers with BWD frontline services.





An exit conference followed the validation, attended by members of the BWD Committee on Anti-Red Tape (BWD CART), headed by General Manager and Committee Chairperson Engr. Salvador M. Royeca. BWD received a “generally good” or “satisfactory” assessment, with the validation team commending the District as one of the benchmark agencies for EODB implementation among water districts in the North Luzon area.

The team also provided constructive recommendations for minor improvements, particularly in enhancing the documentation and monitoring of processing times, and in refining the information presented in the BWD Citizens’ Charter.

Presidential Proclamation No. 818, series 2025, declares the month of May of every year as Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Month. The observance aims to raise awareness, promote institutional reforms, and foster collaborations among government agencies, the private sector, and the public to improve business processes across the Philippines. **-BWD**

BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT
EXPANDS SERVICE COVERAGE IN KADACLAN VILLAGE



EXPANDED SERVICE. *This photo shows a Baguio Water District personnel laying the distribution line in Kadaclan Village, Baguio City. The expansion of BWD services in the area is expected to serve around 231 households equivalent to more or less 1,000 individuals who lack access to the District's water supply. -**BWD file photos***

THE BAGUIO Water District (BWD) continues to make significant strides in improving water access for communities, as it begins the installation of a new pipeline system to serve the residents of Kadaclan Village, Apugan-Loakan, Baguio City. The vital infrastructure project, which commenced on March 05, 2025, is set to address the growing demand for reliable and sustainable water service in the area.

Currently, 231 households or approximately 1,000 individuals lack direct access to BWD's water supply, relying heavily on private water haulers and natural springs, which become less dependable during the dry season. With the completion of the project, these residents will finally benefit from a stable and safe water source.

To realize this project, BWD has allocated Php5.09M for the installation of a 2"Ø x 1,067 linear meters of HDPE distribution line. The pipeline will extend from the Kadaclan Village Covered Court, following the main road through Apugan-Loakan, and will terminate at a section fronting Audrey-Gianne Store. This project builds upon the successful commissioning of the BWD Kadaclan deepwell in 2024, further strengthening water security in the area.

The pipelaying is expected to be completed by May 30, 2025, as per the approved work order. This initiative is part of BWD's broader water augmentation program, designed to ensure water supply reliability, particularly during the driest months.

Through projects like this, BWD reaffirms its commitment to expanding service coverage, ensuring water security, and improving the quality of life for Baguio residents. **-BWD**





*Photos above show the BWD Kadaclan deepwell during its development phases. -**BWD file photos***

BWD HOSTS MARINERS POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES FOUNDATION

INDUSTRIAL TOUR AND LEARNING EXCHANGE



AS PART of its ongoing commitment to educational engagement and industry collaboration, the Baguio Water District (BWD) welcomed students and faculty members from the Mariners Polytechnic Colleges Foundation (MPCF) on May 7, 2025, for an orientation and facility tour. The activity formed part of MPCF's industrial exposure program, aimed at complementing classroom learning with real-world applications.

Fifteen (15) fourth-year Mechanical Engineering students from the MPCF-Legazpi campus, led by their faculty member, Engr. Kristine Bagaporo, participated in the one-day immersion. The visit included interactive briefings, practical demonstrations, and a guided tour of BWD's Amparo Pumping Station—one of the District's key operational facilities.

During the orientation, the participants were introduced to the history, organizational structure, and core functions of the Baguio Water District. Engaging discussions were held on various technical aspects, such as water quality assurance, the water treatment cycle, facility maintenance strategies, and the operational mechanisms of pumping systems. These provided students with deeper insights into the intricacies of water utility operations and the vital role of engineering in public service and sustainable development.

The facility visit also served as an avenue to showcase BWD's best practices in water resource management, technological innovations, and preventive maintenance efforts that ensure continuous and efficient service delivery to the community. The activity further highlighted BWD's initiatives in promoting environmental sustainability and resource efficiency, core elements of its institutional mandate.

Through educational partnerships and knowledge-sharing initiatives like this, BWD reaffirms its advocacy of empowering future professionals by bridging the gap between theoretical learning and practical application. The District remains committed to fostering a culture of learning and sustainability across sectors, particularly among the next generation of engineers and technical experts. **-BWD**



BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT DONATES EQUIPMENT TO UBSHS S.P.A.C.E.S. PROJECT



As part of its continuing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, the Baguio Water District (BWD) extended support to the Shaping Potential Areas for Community, Education, and Sustainability (S.P.A.C.E.S) Project, a youth-led community outreach effort spearheaded by the Student Parliamentary Government (SPG) of the University of Baguio Science High School (UBSHS).

On March 20, 2024, BWD formally turned over five (5) functional, pre-used computer monitors to the representatives of UBSHS-SPG in a simple turnover ceremony. These computer monitors will be utilized in the implementation of the second phase of the S.P.A.C.E.S Project, aptly titled "Great Minds Hub." This phase aims to establish a conducive learning environment for selected student beneficiaries in San Luis Village, Baguio City, by providing access to digital learning resources and enhancing educational opportunities.

The "Great Minds Hub" envisions creating inclusive, technology-enabled spaces where students from underprivileged backgrounds can develop their academic potential and engage in productive learning. With the help of the donated equipment, the project hopes to bridge the digital divide, especially for learners who have limited or no access to computer facilities at home.

This partnership underscores BWD's strong commitment to fostering social impact through education, technology access, and youth empowerment. By supporting community-driven projects such as S.P.A.C.E.S., BWD continues to uphold the core values of its CSR program—collaboration, inclusivity, and sustainable development.

Through initiatives like this, BWD not only contributes to the betterment of the community it serves but also reinforces its advocacy of empowering the youth to be proactive agents of change. -BWD

BWD IMPLEMENTS PETERSVILLE SUBDIVISION RE-PIPING PROJECT



THE BAGUIO Water District (BWD) is nearing the completion of its critical infrastructure project involving the re-piping of the Petersville Subdivision transmission line, located along Amparo Heights Road in Baguio City. This undertaking is a significant step toward ensuring the safety, reliability, and sustainability of the city's water supply.

The re-piping initiative addresses long-standing concerns about the aging 6-inch diameter galvanized iron (GI) transmission line that previously ran across the Petersville creek. Over time, the exposure of this pipeline to natural elements and potential pollutants increased the risk of contamination, thereby posing threats to water quality and public health.

To mitigate these risks, BWD commenced rehabilitation works on February 13, 2025. The project involves the installation of a 203-meter long, 4-inch diameter PVC pipeline, and a 390-meter long, 4-inch diameter GI pipeline. These new lines are strategically relocated to safer ground, away from possible sources of contamination. This transition to newer materials and a safer route is expected to significantly improve water safety and service reliability.

As of March 30, 2025, the pipelaying phase has been successfully completed. Remaining works include interconnection activities to integrate the new lines with the existing distribution system, as well as the restoration of concrete structures affected during construction. Full project completion is targeted early in April.

The project is being implemented with a budget allocation of Php2.3 million. Beyond improving infrastructure, the initiative seeks to uphold water quality standards, safeguard public health, and ensure uninterrupted water supply, particularly for residents in Barangay Camp 7, Loakan, and adjacent communities.

This project is a concrete manifestation of BWD's Water Safety Plan (WSP), which guides the district's strategies in risk management and continuous improvement of water services. It highlights BWD's ongoing commitment to providing safe, potable, and reliable water to its consumers, in alignment with its mandate of public service and sustainable water resource management. -**BWD**



BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT PARTICIPATES IN 2ND QUARTER NATIONWIDE EARTHQUAKE DRILL

DEMONSTRATING its commitment to building a disaster-resilient community, the Baguio Water District (BWD) actively participated in the 2nd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on June 19, 2025, at exactly 9:00AM. The activity was conducted in coordination with various government offices and private establishments nationwide.

The BWD Emergency Response Team (ERT) led the drill, guiding BWD employees and walk-in customers through the standard “duck, cover, and hold” procedure. This was immediately followed by an orderly evacuation to the designated assembly area, ensuring that all safety protocols were properly observed.

The NSED, spearheaded by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD), simulated the impact of a powerful 7.2-magnitude earthquake. The nationwide drill aimed to test and enhance the emergency preparedness and response capabilities of participating organizations – from evacuation procedures and search-and-rescue operations to communication and coordination strategies.

As part of the drill, BWD’s ERT also simulated an emergency scenario, reinforcing the district’s preparedness for real-life disaster situations.

BWD General Manager Engr. Salvador M. Royeca is optimistic that the district’s personnel are well-prepared to reinforce disaster preparedness and awareness within the organization and contribute meaningfully to the safety of the surrounding community. **-BWD**



BWD, BRGY. HOLYGHOST EXTENSION INK MOA FOR ADOPT-A-WATERSHED PROGRAM



MOA SIGNING. *Baguio Water District General Manager Engr. Salvador M. Royeca (2nd from left) led the ceremonial signing for BWD's Adopt-a-Watershed Program with Barangay Holyghost represented by Punong Barangay Teresa B. Alitan and Barangay Kagawad Danilo Datoc (3rd and 4th from the left) on May 7, 2025 at the BWD Main Office in Marcoville, Baguio City. Also in this photo is Water Quality Supervisor Engr. Basilio C. Munar (left-most) and BWD Forester, Mr. Francis B. Paatan (right-most).* ***–BWD file photo***

THE BAGUIO Water District (BWD) formally signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the officials of Barangay Holyghost Extension Barangay for the District's Adopt-a-Watershed Program on May 7, 2025, at the BWD Main Office.

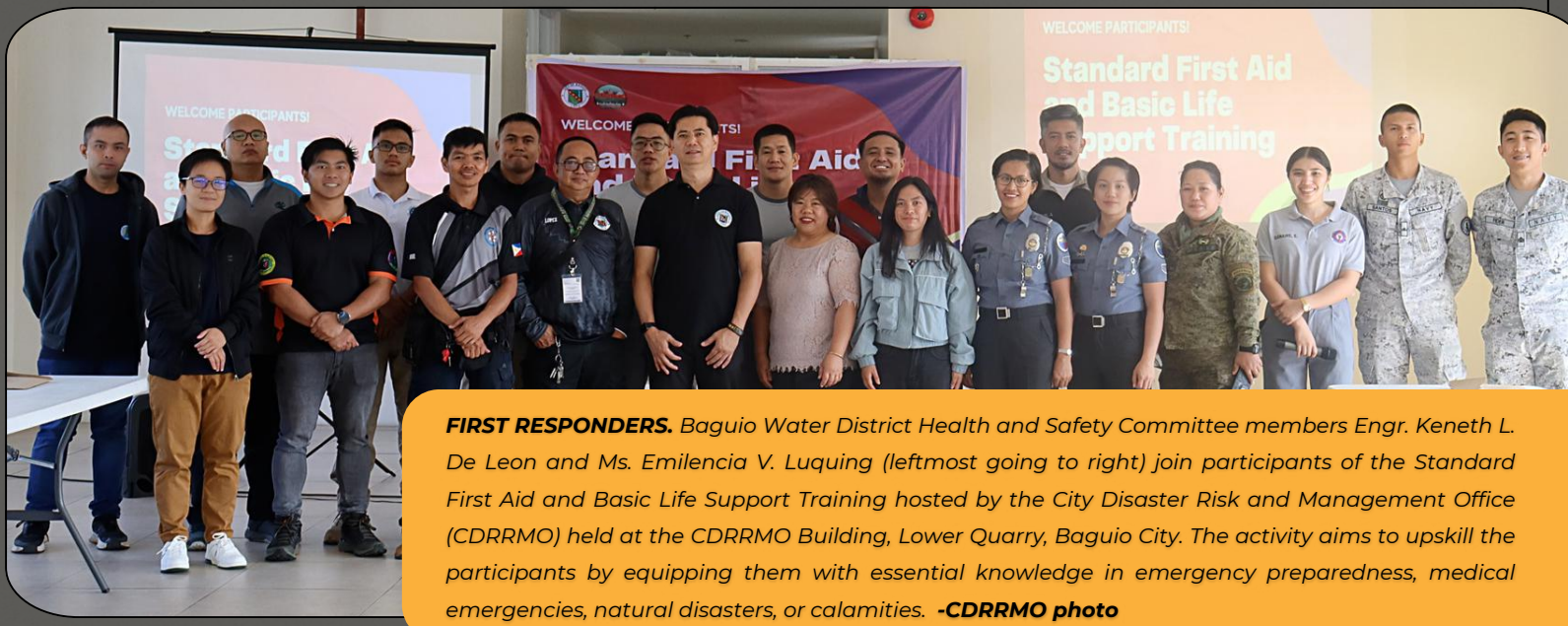
BWD General Manager Engr. Salvador M. Royeca led the ceremonial signing alongside Holyghost Extension Punong Barangay Ms. Teresa B. Alitan, who was joined by Kagawad Danilo Datoc. The agreement signifies a shared commitment to the preservation, conservation, protection, and rehabilitation of the Busol Watershed in Barangay Ambiong, Aurora Hill, Baguio City.

Under the partnership, BWD will designate a minimum of 300 square meters within the Busol Watershed for Barangay Holyghost Extension to manage, protect and reforest. Representatives from the barangay will undergo an orientation to ensure the proper implementation of activities in their adopted site, including tree planting, tree nurturing, and other related environmental activities.

Currently, BWD works in coordination with the local government, other government agencies, and civic organizations to safeguard and sustain four forest reservations that serve as vital water sources for the Summer Capital. These include the Busol Watershed, which spans portions of Barangays Pacdal, Brookspoint, East Bayan Park, and Ambiong; Buyog Watershed, located between Quirino Hill and Pinget; Camp 8 Watershed, encompassing Barangays Sta. Scholastica, Camp 8, and Military Cut-Off; and the Mt. Sto. Tomas Forest Reserve, situated within the barangays of Poblacion in Tuba, Twin Peaks, Tabaan Sur and Tabaan Norte Barangays in Tuba, Benguet. **- BWD**



BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT PERSONNEL UNDERGO STANDARD FIRST AID & BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING



FIRST RESPONDERS. *Baguio Water District Health and Safety Committee members Engr. Keneth L. De Leon and Ms. Emilencia V. Luquing (leftmost going to right) join participants of the Standard First Aid and Basic Life Support Training hosted by the City Disaster Risk and Management Office (CDRRMO) held at the CDRRMO Building, Lower Quarry, Baguio City. The activity aims to upskill the participants by equipping them with essential knowledge in emergency preparedness, medical emergencies, natural disasters, or calamities.* ***-CDRRMO photo***

PERSONNEL of the Baguio Water District (BWD) participated in the Standard First Aid and Basic Life Support (BLS) Training program conducted by the City Disaster Risk and Management Office (CDRRMO) from May 13 to 16, 2025, at the CDRRMO Building, Lower Quarry, Baguio City.

Representing the BWD Health and Safety Committee, Engr. Keneth L. De Leon and Ms. Emilencia V. Luquing completed the four-day comprehensive training, which was organized by the Baguio CDRRMO in partnership with the Department of Health- Emergency Management Unit (DOH-EMU), Baguio City Emergency and Medical Services (BCEMS), and Saint Louis University-Campus Planning, Maintenance and Security Department (SLU-CPMSD).

The program emphasized the critical role of first responders and equipped participants with essential lifesaving skills, including first aid procedures and emergency response techniques necessary during medical emergencies, natural disasters or calamities, or other crises.

The training provided an overview of Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI), defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as events that overwhelm local medical resources due to sudden surge in patients, often leading to preventable deaths or injuries. Simulation exercises were conducted to develop participants' competence in emergency response, first aid, and life support procedures.

By completing this training course, BWD – under the leadership of General Manager Engr. Salvador M. Royeca – reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the capacity of its personnel in promoting occupational health, safety, and emergency preparedness. This initiative contributes to the District's broader goal of building a disaster-resilient organization and community. **-BWD**



LAST FRIDAY OF APRIL: A DATE WITH TREES



The last Friday of April might pass quietly for many, but for true nature lovers, it is a special occasion — Arbor Day, a time to celebrate trees and everything they do for us. It is not just about planting seedlings; it's about nurturing life, protecting the trees, and making sure future generations can still enjoy a greener world.

Trees aren't just pretty scenery. They keep our air clean, give shade on sunny days, provide homes for wildlife, support ecosystems, combat climate change, and for highland cities like Baguio, help secure our water supply. Without healthy forests, our watersheds would struggle to keep the taps flowing.

Arbor Day started way back on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska, USA, and has since grown into a global environmental movement. Many countries celebrate it on the last Friday of April to coincide with the planting season. In the Philippines, the official Arbor Day is every third week of June, but that hasn't stopped schools, groups, and organizations from holding April tree-planting events to spread environmental awareness.

For the Baguio Water District (BWD), trees are more than a symbol – they are a lifeline. As stewards of one of city's most precious resources, BWD makes sure tree planting, reforestation, and watershed protection are part of its yearly mission. Every July, in time for its anniversary, BWD rolls up its sleeves for a month-long planting binge, backed up by year-round care for reforested areas and community education on environmental stewardship.

A single tree might not seem like much, but it is a powerful gesture of hope and responsibility. It is a quiet hero: absorbing carbon dioxide, cooling the surrounding, sheltering wildlife, and guarding the watersheds that give us clean water. By advocating environmental stewardship, BWD underscores its commitment to sustainability, water security, and public service.

Arbor Day is a gentle nudge to remind us that caring for the environment is everyone's job. Whether it's planting a tree, joining a clean-up drive, or simply learning more about forest conservation, each small act counts. In Baguio City, BWD walks the talk – showing that even a water utility can go beyond its daily work by championing environmental causes.

Come tree planting season, BWD invites everyone to pitch in and help grow the city's green future. Because every tree planted today is a legacy for tomorrow— it's a promise of cleaner and fresher air, healthier watersheds, and a stronger, more resilient Baguio for the years ahead.

BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT

"Serving Mankind is Serving God"

4 BENEFITS OF PLANTING TREE

01

IMPROVED AIR QUALITY

Trees filter pollutants from the air. They also produce oxygen, which is essential for human and animal life.

02

WATER CONSERVATION AND QUALITY

Trees help maintain the water cycle by absorbing and storing rainwater. The root system also filters water, thereby improving groundwater quality.

03

LAND CONSERVATION

Tree roots can stabilize the soil. They increase soil fertility by adding organic matter through leaf litter and other natural processes.

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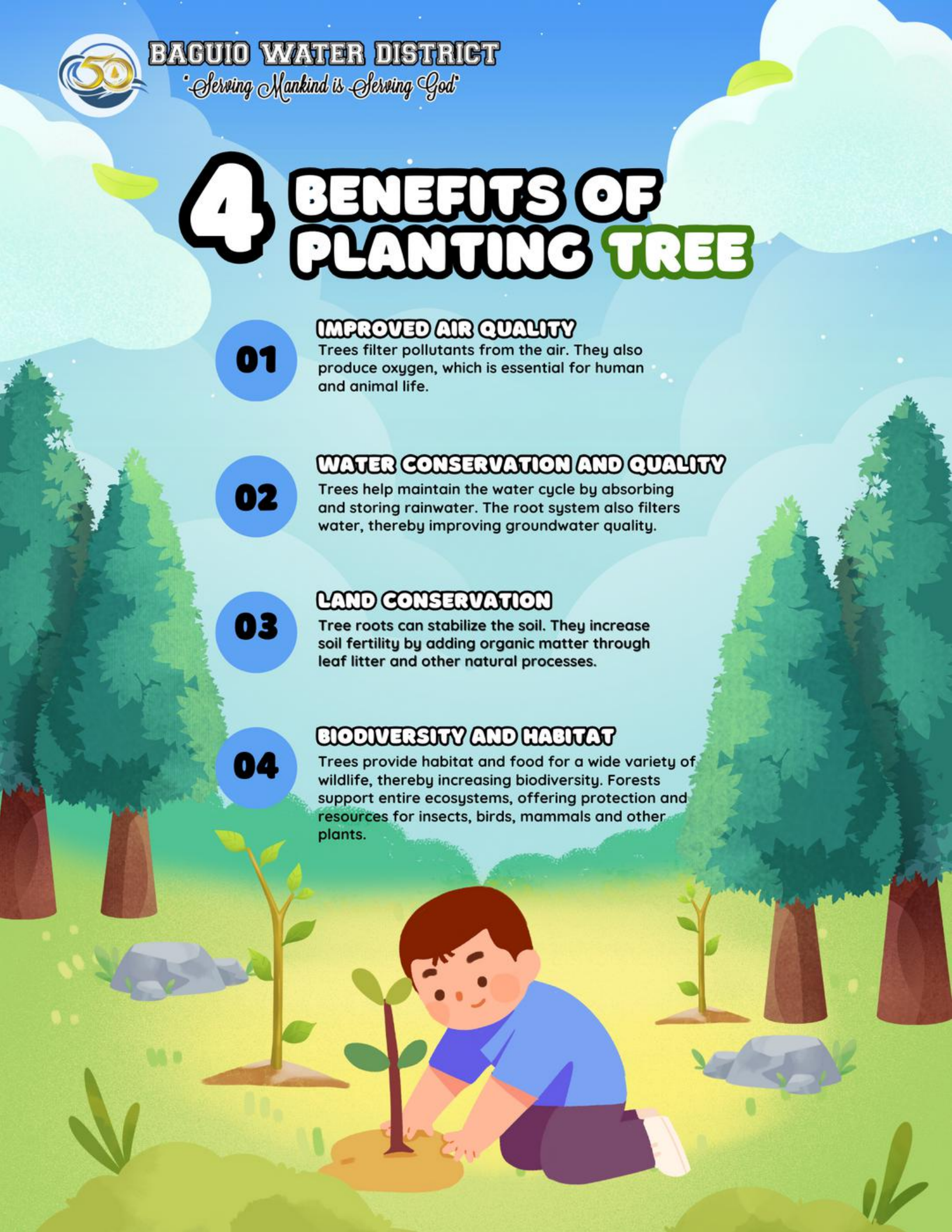
BIODIVERSITY AND HABITAT

Trees provide habitat and food for a wide variety of wildlife, thereby increasing biodiversity. Forests support entire ecosystems, offering protection and resources for insects, birds, mammals and other plants.





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