

SUPPORT OUR WORK

DONATE FUNDS



To **donate water resources** (cases of water, storage tanks, etc.) select the "Clean Water in Southern District" fund at umfwv.org



To **support and sustain the ongoing work of community organizing** meetings, water distributions, and working toward solutions select the "Hope for McDowell Fund" at hopeinthemountains.com

VOLUNTEER AT DISTRIBUTIONS

Water distributions take place 1-2x/month on Fridays from 12-3pm at Gary City Hall. Parking is available on-site. Volunteers would be expected to lift 24-40 pack cases of bottled water.

SIGN OUR PETITION



SHARE OUR CONTENT



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MCDOWELL COUNTY



Gary, WV

Failing city water infrastructure. 468 impacted homes.



Anawalt, WV

Failing public water infrastructure. 130 impacted homes.



Leckie, WV

Impacted well water. 60 impacted homes.

#WATERFORWV



Residents report orange to black tap water, sometimes with thick, filmy "goop" or black flecks. Some residents drive 20 mins. away or longer to retrieve water from roadside springs like the one on US Route 52 in Maybeury. Water testing reports lead, E. coli, and coliform bacteria in these springs. Senior residents rely on their neighbors to retrieve this water for them.

Doing laundry can ruin clothes, and showering in Avondale can lead to burns on skin. Plumbing becomes corroded and stains on water fixtures cannot be scrubbed away. Cooking, drinking, cleaning, and preparing for the day is a hardship.

Many residents routinely spend over \$100 per month on bottled water. Filters can cost hundreds to thousands. Some Gary residents are paying up to \$180 a month for water they cannot use. McDowell County is one of the poorest counties in America.



SOLUTIONS



Obtain funding for infrastructure projects



Community organizing to ensure projects are carried out.



Water distributions until projects are completed



Gary, WV

Gary's municipal system must be prioritized and funded for much-needed upgrades and technical assistance.



State of Emergency

The State of WV must provide clean drinking water to coalfield counties regionally until infrastructure is completed.



Anawalt & Leckie, WV

Anawalt's already-approved public system upgrade project must be fully funded, and must include connecting well-impacted homes to the system.