



VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report



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In April, 2025, Versailles and Woodford County experienced record flooding.

How was the recent flooding historic? The rainfall that began in early April turned out to be a historical event for Woodford County. Kentucky River levels were the highest they have been since the flooding of 1977. The floodwaters damaged over 200 structures, some beyond repair.

What did the employees at the water treatment plant do? Versailles Municipal Utilities staff reported to work on the morning of April 6th to assess the levels of the Kentucky River at the raw water intake. At that time, the river was rising but was not near the intake station. The staff worked diligently to “fill” the tanks at the plant and the water towers around town with treated water in anticipation of the worst-case scenario. With help from the Versailles Police Department’s drone, we were able to visually inspect the intake station and knew when to ask Kentucky Utilities to cut the power to it. Around the same time, the Mayor asked customers to be conservative with their water usage because without power, staff could no longer draw water to treat.

Did the raw water intake station flood? Thankfully, no! However, river levels reached to within just a few inches of flooding the part of the intake station that houses its electrical system. On Monday, April 7th, with the help of the Versailles Fire Department, we sent city and Kentucky Utilities’ personnel to the intake by boat (photo attached) to inspect the building and to restore power. Power was restored that evening. Versailles Municipal Utilities’ plant personnel worked through the night pumping and treating water to restore our water reserves.

Why were we asked to conserve water? While the city has an agreement to purchase water from Kentucky American Water (which we did for a very short period of time), that connection would not have sustained our system for a long period. We asked people to conserve because we didn’t know how long the power would be off. We are so appreciative of everyone’s efforts to conserve, just in case the situation had been worse than it turned out to be.

Is everything back to normal? In the city, yes. We avoided calamity at the water treatment plant, and in town, our retention basins (think “Lake Taco Bell” on Lexington Road) worked as they were designed. However, many folks who live on the river are dealing with damaged or destroyed homes and property.



Three Year Comparison of Utility Billing based on water consumption (gallons):

Versailles Municipal Utilities		FYE 6/30/2023	FYE 6/30/2024	FYE 6/30/2025
Water		\$ 3,522,361.48	\$ 3,508,365.70	\$ 3,212,001.78
River Fee		\$ 114,998.76	\$ 118,886.54	\$ 109,620.10
Sewer		\$ 3,696,150.55	\$ 3,756,308.25	\$ 3,517,283.01
Utility Tax		\$ 77,670.35	\$ 78,174.15	\$ 73,436.93
Sales Tax		\$ 80,456.71	\$ 78,205.78	\$ 78,350.43
TOTAL		\$ 7,491,637.85	\$ 7,539,940.42	\$ 6,990,692.25
Gallons of Water Sold		8,250,708	829,107,500	736,085,300
Customers		6,982 average	6,839 average	6,891 average