

How Did We Get Here?

This timeline shows key events in the history of Branson's water system, and outlines the Town's continuing efforts to comply with State-mandated regulations:

1920s C&S Railroad Co. develops Railroad Springs.

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1957 A local rancher purchases RR Springs and enters into an agreement to share water from both springs with the Town. The agreement exists to this day.

1963 Town Springs collection boxes refurbished with concrete walls.

2005 New storage tanks and in-town water lines installed; RR Springs refurbished. Town receives \$320,000 grant from USDA, along with taking out a 40-year, \$200,000 USDA loan.

2006 Leaking water line rerouted.

2013 CO Dept of Public Health & Environment reclassifies springs water as "Ground Water Under the Influence of Surface Water," necessitating increased filtration.

2014 A \$206,300 rebuild of the treatment facility and a \$700,000 upgrade to spring boxes and collection lines are proposed.

2015 Town applies for two state agency grants for new filtration system and is passed over for both.

2017 Town increases water rates to our 29 customers to cover rising operational and testing costs.

2018 Town undertakes rigorous, 6-month testing regimen in attempt to reverse State's 2013 reclassification, which proves unsuccessful.

2019 Colorado-based Innovative Water Technologies, Inc. proposes a simple, efficient filtration system at a cost of \$77,000 + engineering and installation (approx. \$100,000 total).

April 2019 Branson's **Water Worth Protecting** Fundraising Campaign begins!