



COMMUNITIES Unlimited

Improving Compliance at Small POTWs
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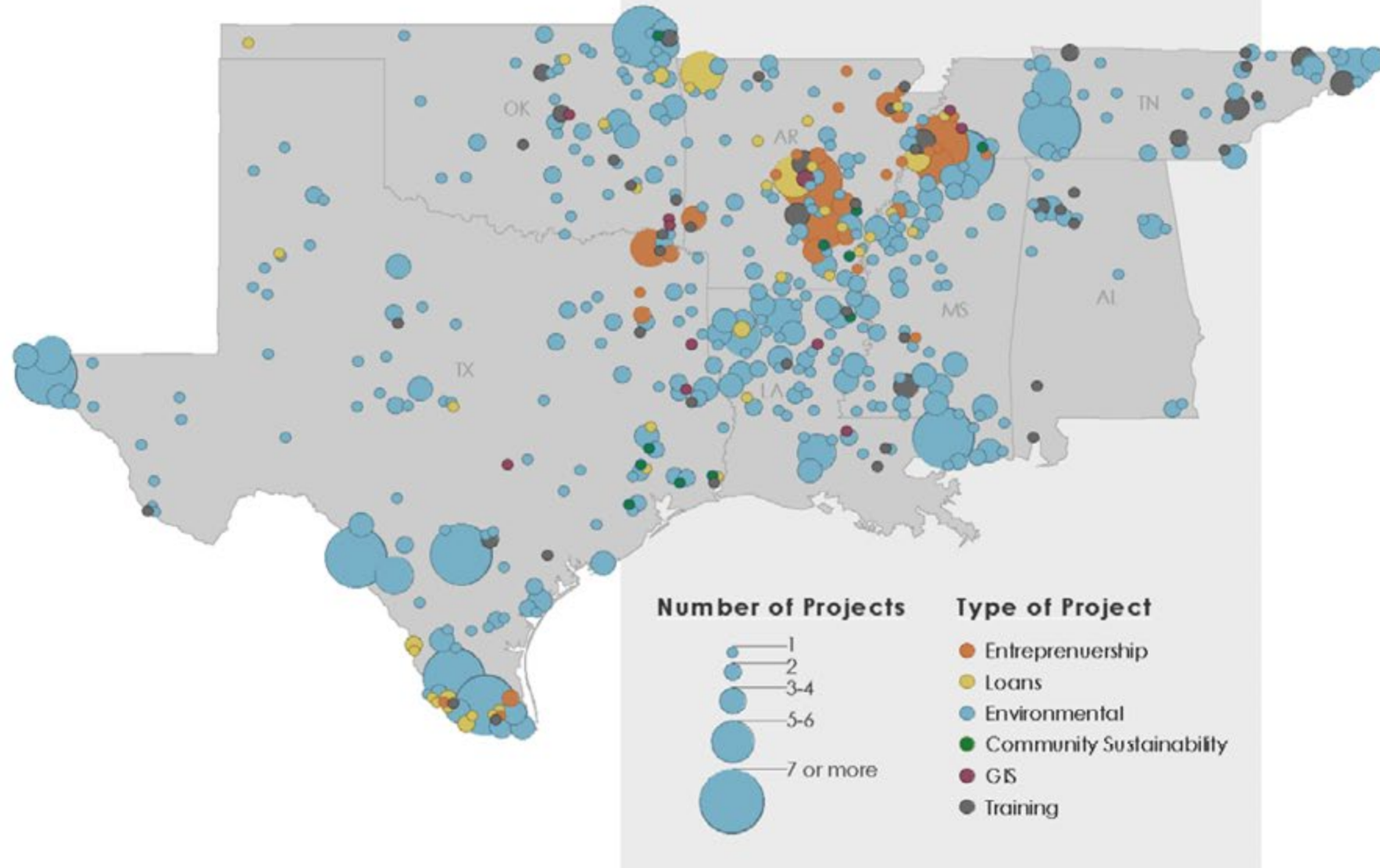
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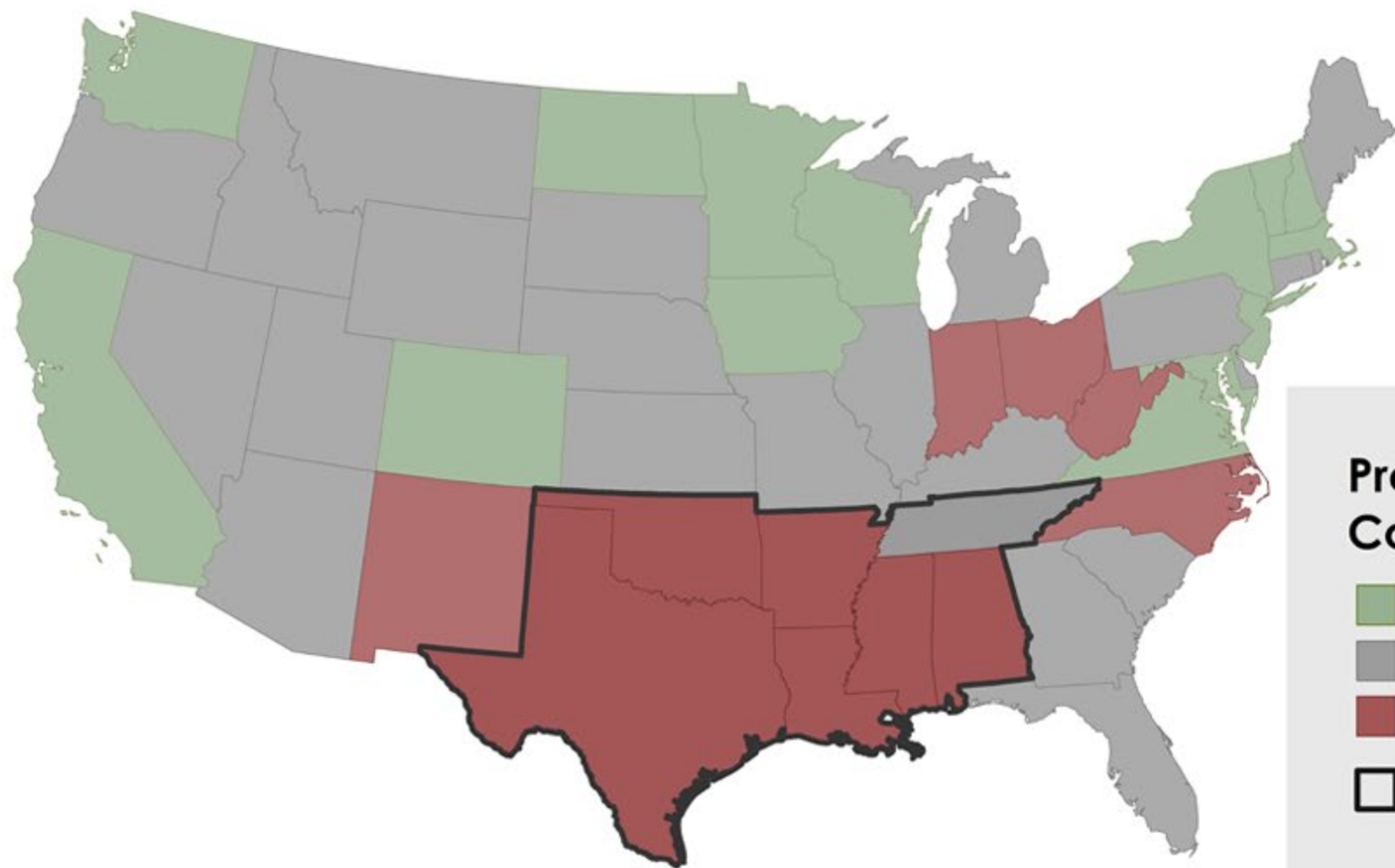
To move rural and under-resourced communities in areas of persistent poverty to sustainable prosperity.

Communities Unlimited serves Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Our Impact

Communities Unlimited Projects, 2018

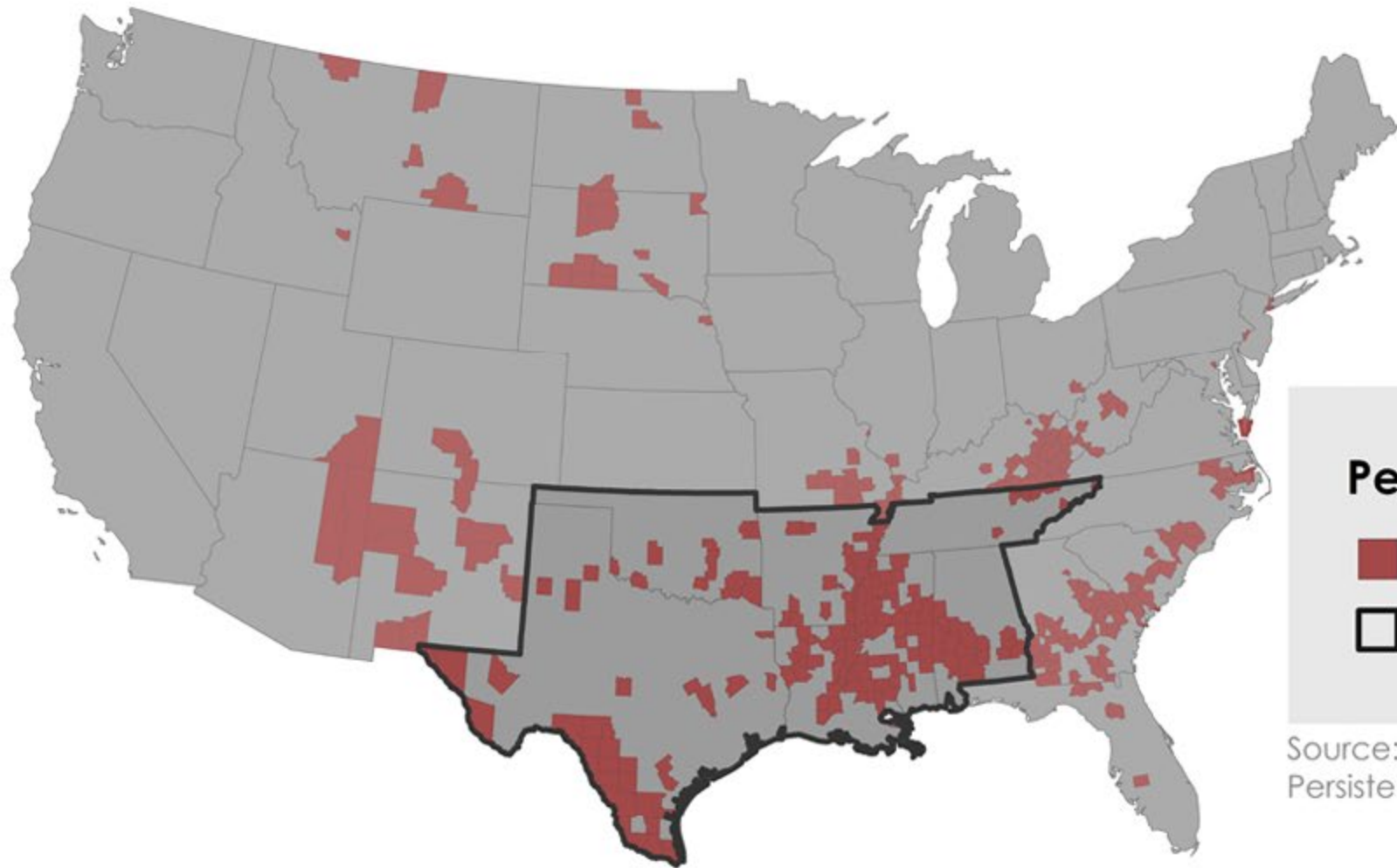




Prevalence of Food Insecurity Compared to U.S Average

- Below U.S. average
- Near U.S. average
- Above U.S. average
- CU Service Area

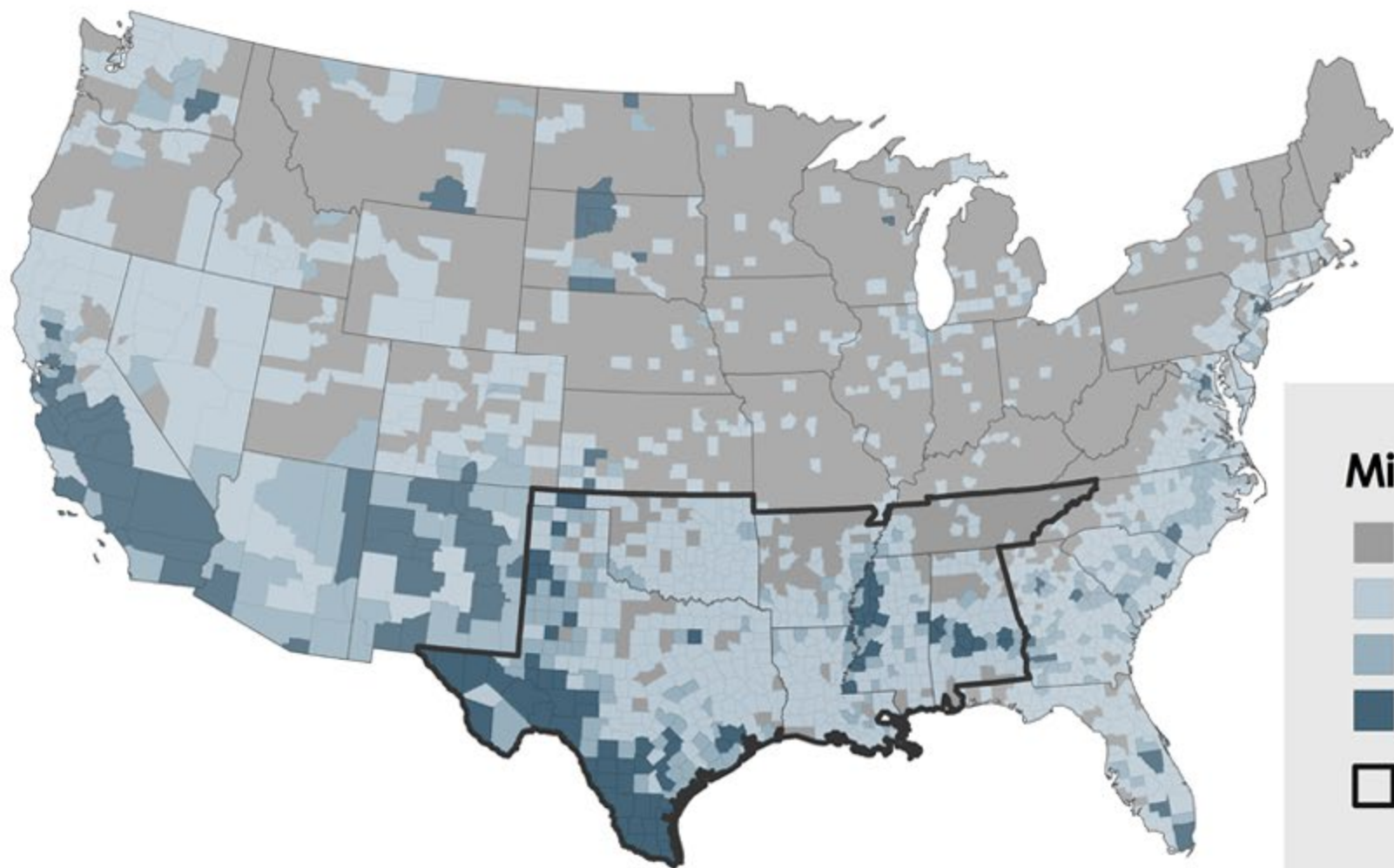
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, State-Level Prevalence of Food Insecurity, 2015-17



Persistent Poverty Counties

- Persistent Poverty Counties
- CU Service Area

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Persistent Poverty, 2015 edition



Minority Population Percentage

- Less than 20%
- 20% to 49.9%
- 50% to 69.9%
- 70% or greater
- CU Service Area

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2012-2016

2018 IMPACT



615 COMMUNITIES SERVED



398 JOBS SUSTAINED



43 JOBS CREATED



125 BUSINESSES SERVED

OVER **1.2 MILLION PEOPLE SERVED**

\$5,143,928 LENT

\$62,452,198 LEVERAGED

Community Development Financial Institution

Communities Unlimited, Inc. (CU) is a U.S. Treasury certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). As a CDFI CU expands economic opportunity for underserved people and communities by providing access to capital they need to prosper.

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CASE STUDY FORM

8-JAN-20

PROJECT	
Project Name	Patton Village
Community Name(s) & State	Patton Village, TX
CU Service Provider	Harold Hunter
Project Type	Waste water
Project Purpose	1 st time sewer service
System Type	Water and Wastewater
Infrastructure Type	Wastewater
Referral	Rural Development/USDA annual report
Population Served	1854
Low Income Population	88
Minority Population	309
Number of Households	301
Median Household Income (MHI)	\$32619
Type and Number of Connections	585 water
Additional geographic/demographic information <i>(i.e., is it an island, mountain, desert community; or perhaps a mix of cultures which makes communication or resolution difficult)</i>	

PROJECT DETAILS	
Situation Background / Issues to be Addressed	Patton Village when referred by USDA, was one of the larger cities in Texas not to have a public wastewater system. It was CU's goals to assist the community develop a wastewater system.
How Did CU (RCAP) Become Involved?	Patton Village received a USDA grant/loan letter of conditions (funding letter) in 2007. Community's new sewer appeared stuck following a customer complaints filed with TCEQ, Texas regulatory agency. USDA referred Patton Village to CU who not only provided interim financing to pay for the attorney fee and modeling but CU also participated in the State Office of Administrative Hearing (SOAH) to provide to TCEQ proof that the sewer system was affordable and provide interim financing for Patton Village.
Community/State level stakeholders – who they are, what roles they play?	Rural Development has a first lien on the water system
Other Interesting Project Details	Patton Village mayor went to work assisting the engineer help identify all 585 potential customers. City did not have a public water system.

PROJECT SOLUTION / RESOLUTION	
What did CRG (RCAP) do to solve the problem / issue?	CU' not only provided technical assistance through the wastewater system construction but also assisting with the purchase of the privately owned water system.
Community/State resources available (i.e., community capacity - managerial, financial, technical)	CU has assisted Patton Village with technical, financial and managerial on the wastewater system and now the water system application which has been approved and funded by USDA.
Has issue been resolved, or what other steps must be taken to resolve?	The issue system has been constructed and even through Hurricane Harvey and Tropical Storm Imelda, Patton Village is still standing.
Other issues / opportunities identified for continued CU (RCAP) involvement in this community?	CU is now assisting with purchasing the private water system and drilling a new well and replacing the undersized water lines.

PROJECT QUOTES	
CU (RCAP) staff	Harold Hunter
Community Leader / Resident	Scott Anderson/ Mayor
Political Leader <i>The quote from a local leader, resident and political leader should state, in their own words, something about what the problem was, what they think of the results of the work undertaken from the community's perspective, and what the value of RCAP's role was in helping them get there.</i>	

Lending

Business Lending

- Microloans: \$500 to \$50,000
- Business loans: \$500 to \$100,000
- Participation and Referral loans for those over \$100,000

Uses include working capital, equipment, expansion, business acquisition

Small Community Water & Wastewater Systems

- Loans up to \$500,000

Uses include capital improvement projects, equipment and emergency funding.



Environmental Services

- Communities Unlimited provides:
 - technical assistance
 - training
 - capital

CU serves as the Southern RCAP in the national Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP).



Healthy Foods

- Utilizing a value chain framework Communities Unlimited is:
 - building a regional food system
 - connecting small-scale farmers to market opportunities
 - filling gaps in the food system
 - addressing food deserts



Community Sustainability

- Communities creates lasting change in rural communities by:
 - Building diverse leadership teams create the strategies, identify new opportunities and entrepreneurs and supporting local businesses.
 - Leveraging local assets for long-term growth
 - Bringing resources and identifying partners



Entrepreneurship

- Communities Unlimited partners with entrepreneurs at every stage of a small business' development by providing:
 - One-on-one solving problems
 - Building capacity
 - Providing capital



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