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Houston County Celebrates \$3.26 Million Investment in Distribution Park Infrastructure

Dothan, AL – Houston County Commission Chairman Brandon Shoupe announced Tuesday a major investment in the County's Distribution Park, with more than \$3.25 million allocated for critical infrastructure improvements near State Line Road between Madrid and Cottonwood.

The funding comes through Alabama's Growing Alabama Tax Credit program and will be used primarily to install a new sewer line connecting the park to the Cypress Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The park's existing on-site treatment facility has just 6,000 gallons per day of remaining capacity—an amount insufficient to support future industrial growth.

An additional \$190,000 of the investment will be used to complete a water line extension, thanks to a partnership between the Houston County Water Authority and Dothan Utilities.

"This project wouldn't be possible without the strong intergovernmental collaboration we enjoy here in Southeast Alabama, especially with our local State delegation that supported this legislation," said Chairman Shoupe. "I also want to commend Matt Parker and Colton Cureton at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce—their forward-thinking leadership played a pivotal role in making today's announcement a reality. Finally, I also need to thank Dothan City Commission for their partnership with the Houston County Commission to make this a reality.""

The Growing Alabama Tax Credit program enables companies to offset their state tax liability by contributing to local economic development infrastructure. Houston County gratefully acknowledges the following donors whose contributions made this project possible:

- · River Bank & Trust \$1,000,000
- · Regions Bank \$500,000
- · Great Southern Wood \$500,000
- · Wiregrass Electric Cooperative \$300,000
- · South Alabama Electric Cooperative \$300,000
- Troy Bank & Trust \$250,000
- · MidSouth Bank \$207,500
- · Synovus Bank \$100,000
- · Friend Bank \$100,000

This investment marks a major step forward in Houston County's efforts to attract new industry, expand infrastructure, and fuel regional economic development.

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