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## **BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY BREAKS GROUND ON \$43 MILLION INNOVATIVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (May 11, 2021)** – After almost a year of planning, Buffalo Trace Distillery has broken ground on its own wastewater reclamation facility as a direct result of its increased distilled spirits production. Comprised of a moving bed biofilm reactor, the new treatment facility will allow wastewater to be treated efficiently and maintain water quality standards. The facility is expected to be completed in June of 2022 and is estimated to cost \$43 million.

The new reclamation facility will treat and disinfect process waste clean enough to release into the Penitentiary Branch, which leads to the Kentucky River – ensuring both remain high-quality waters. Not only will this be beneficial for community downstream of the facility, but this unique wastewater reclamation facility will relieve the city of Frankfort’s Sewer Department of any additional burden and keep treatment operations independent.

Buffalo Trace has worked with the city of Frankfort for many years on the treatment of its wastewater, but the needs of the Distillery have increased. This expansion is just one part of its [\\$1.2 billion expansion](#) project, which started in 2016.

### **About Buffalo Trace Distillery**

Buffalo Trace Distillery is an American family-owned company based in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky. The Distillery's rich tradition dates back to 1775 and includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T. Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Buffalo Trace Distillery is a fully operational Distillery producing bourbon, rye and vodka on site and is a National Historic Landmark as well as is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Distillery has won 35 distillery titles since 2000

from such notable publications as Whisky Magazine, Whisky Advocate Magazine and Wine Enthusiast Magazine. Its Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr. Four Grain Bourbon was named World Whiskey of the Year for 2018 and its William Larue Weller and Thomas H. Handy Sazerac were named 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> finest whiskeys in the world for 2020. Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 1,000 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotracedistillery.com](http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com). To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit <http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com/media>

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