



Improving the Quality of Life in Rural Ohio

2016 Fourth Quarter Report

THE OHIO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION PROVIDED ALMOST \$2 MILLION IN BENEFITS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2016

Zanesville, Ohio: The Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) reviewed our work for the 4th quarter of 2016 (October 1 to December 31) and determined that the **organization provided \$1,988,997 in benefits to Ohio's rural water and wastewater utilities**. These benefits included training operators, detecting water leaks, protecting drinking water sources, providing energy audits, and inspecting sewer systems.

Considering our federal grant income of about \$150,000 this quarter, ORWA estimates that we provided an **overall benefit of about \$1.8 million to rural water and wastewater systems** during these three months.

Put another way, ORWA's grant management is extremely effective and efficient as for every dollar of federal assistance we were given, ORWA provided \$12.00 in benefits to rural Ohio.

To illustrate the work of the Ohio Rural Water Association through an example:

The Village of Shreve requested assistance in locating a major water main break. The leak was estimated at 60,000 gallons per day.

An ORWA Circuit Rider worked with the Village Administrator and various village employees, where the main line was located and shut off to maintain a safe water level. The ORWA Circuit Rider then used leak locating equipment to pinpoint the leak, and at this point a private contractor was called in to make emergency repairs.

The Ohio Rural Water Association was founded in 1976, with the goal of improving the quality of life in rural Ohio. With funding primarily through membership dues and federal grants, ORWA offers free on-site technical support to water and wastewater systems, both large and small. This includes: assistance with the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment plants; source water protection planning; and distribution system troubleshooting such as leak detection, smoke testing, line locating, and sewer line inspecting. ORWA also offers training opportunities on the operation, management, finance, and governance of water and wastewater utilities.

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