



Improving the Quality of Life in Rural Ohio

2018 Second Quarter Report

THE OHIO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION PROVIDED OVER \$657,000 IN BENEFITS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2018

Zanesville, Ohio: The Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) reviewed our work for the second quarter of 2018 and determined that the **organization provided over \$657,000 in total 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 net benefit (without federal assistance) of over \$507,000 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 \$3.38 in extra benefits to rural Ohio.

To illustrate the work of the Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) through an example: A village in eastern Ohio requested assistance with locating lead water lines in their system. The lines were somewhere under a state highway.

An Ohio Rural Water Association Circuit Rider not only provided the equipment, but also held hands-on training to locate the lines. Thus, the interaction successfully found the lines, but as per the mission of ORWA, the Circuit Rider used the opportunity to provide training, making it an educational experience for the village.

During this visit, the village also wanted to investigate an area for a possible leak. The Ohio Rural Water Association Circuit Rider proceeded to use leak locating equipment, provided by ORWA, to confirm and pinpoint the leak.

Provisions were made to replace the lead lines and repair the leak. The village received multiple benefits from the Circuit Rider's visit and is extremely grateful.

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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