**2015 Third Quarter Report**

**The Ohio Rural Water Association provided about $1,033,000 in**

**benefits to rural communities during the third quarter of 2015**

Zanesville, Ohio: The Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) reviewed our work for the second quarter of 2015 (July 1 to September 30) and determined that the **organization provided over $1,033,000 in benefits to Ohio’s rural water and wastewater utilities.** These benefits included training operators, detecting water leaks, protecting drinking water sources, and inspecting sewer systems.

Taking into account our federal grant income of about $150,000 this quarter, ORWA estimates that we provided an **overall benefit of over $883,000 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 $6.88 in benefits to rural Ohio.**

To illustrate the work of the Ohio Rural Water Association through an example: The Village of West Farmington requested assistance in locating their unaccounted for water. After several visits and recommendations, the ORWA Circuit Rider (CR2) met with the village’s personnel to proceed with leak locating. During this time, four suspected areas were identified. One of the leaks was repaired and pumping time was reduced by 12%.

In a second example: The Village of Millersburg was experiencing repeated blockages in one of their main line sanitary sewers. Village personnel contacted the ORWA Wastewater Technician to assist them in finding the cause of the obstruction. The WW Tech arrived with video and location equipment to investigate the situation.

Upon arrival, the utility had the line partially excavated and an access point for the video camera. After video inspection of the sewer it was determined the cause of the blockage were tree roots entering from an abandoned lateral connection. Then location equipment was used to locate the exact point of the blockage.

The technician made a recommendation on how to repair the problem which included eliminating a manhole. As a result of this contact, the village was spared excessive excavation costs and costs associated with video inspection. The technician will make a follow up visit to further assist them with the repair.

***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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