



Improving the Quality of Life in Rural Ohio

2017 Third Quarter Report

THE OHIO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION PROVIDED OVER \$850,000 IN BENEFITS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2017

Zanesville, Ohio: The Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) reviewed our work for the third quarter of 2017 (July 1 to September 30) and determined that the **organization provided over \$850,000 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 over \$700,000 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 \$5.67 in benefits to rural Ohio.

To illustrate the work of the Ohio Rural Water Association through an example: The administrator for a village in central Ohio requested assistance in locating a water leak. The Ohio Rural Water Association Circuit Rider promptly responded, providing the necessary equipment and some hands-on training for a newer employee of the village to learn the procedure for leak location.

In helping and training, the Circuit Rider and the employee discovered an area where the suspected leak was located. Next, the Circuit Rider demonstrated the use of a line locator and a metallic locator. This demonstration and hands-on, real life training pinpointed the water line and isolation valves so that a pressure test could be conducted, and it did confirm the leak.

The equipment used and the valuable hands-on training for the village employee by the ORWA Circuit Rider provided real, tangible value for this village.

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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