



Improving the Quality of Life in Rural Ohio

2018 Third Quarter Report

**THE OHIO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION PROVIDED \$499,828 IN
BENEFITS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2018**

Zanesville, Ohio: The Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) reviewed our work for the third quarter of 2018 and determined that the **organization provided over \$499,000 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 \$349,000 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 \$2.32 in extra benefits to rural Ohio.

To illustrate the work of the Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) through an example: John Huelsman Superintendent of the Village of Botkins contacted an Ohio Rural Water Association Circuit Rider requesting assistance in performing a distribution flow analysis.

The Ohio Rural Water Association Circuit Rider was happy to oblige and brought specialized equipment (provided by ORWA) to the village. The Circuit Rider worked with the Botkins' staff performing various flow capacity tests in several new areas of the village. From this one example at Botkins, ORWA was able to save the village over \$1000.

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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