



*Improving the Quality of Life in Rural Ohio*

## **2018 Fourth Quarter Report**

### **THE OHIO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION PROVIDED \$747,949 IN BENEFITS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2018**

Zanesville, Ohio: The Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) reviewed our work for the fourth quarter of 2018 and determined that the **organization provided over \$747,000 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 \$597,000 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 \$3.98 in extra benefits to rural Ohio.**

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

Todd Smith from the Village of Jacksonville called an Ohio Rural Water Circuit Rider stating that their system was about to lose all the water in their storage tank because of a seventy-five thousand gallon a day leak they couldn't locate. A general area was located but after several attempts to excavate the leak, they could not find the leak.

The ORWA Circuit Rider explained how to throttle down the leak to maintain the water level in the tank and not lose pressure to the rest of the village. The ORWA Circuit Rider arrived and used leak locating equipment to pinpoint the leak. Todd Smith is the only employee left in the village so the ORWA Circuit Rider stayed and assisted 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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