



RCAP

Rural Community Assistance Program

Training, Technical Assistance and Services for Small Communities

What is RCAP?

Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP)

RCAP is operated by a national network of nonprofit organizations working to ensure that rural and small communities throughout the United States have access to safe drinking water, and sanitary wastewater and solid waste disposal.






RCAP provides technical assistance to communities to build *technical*, *managerial*, and *financial capacity* to construct and sustainably operate water and sewer infrastructure. This is the core of our program.

In Ohio, we have expanded to offer many other small utility and community development services in pursuit of this mission.

Our Funders



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and Groundwaters
Ohio Environmental
Protection Agency





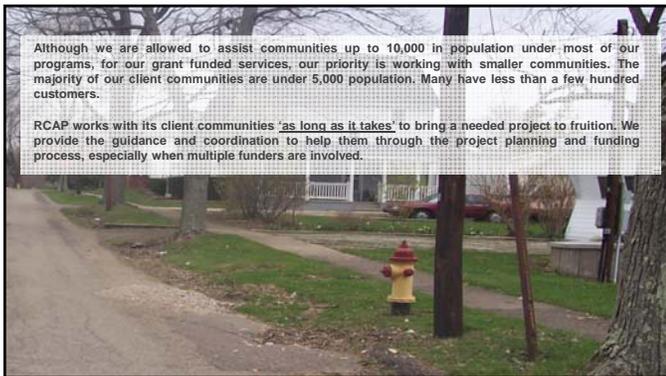
Ohio RCAP provides technical assistance to communities for infrastructure and community development. Often, those under 10,000 population can receive free assistance under our grant funded programs. We assist with project planning, development and funding. Often, we work with communities to evaluate their rate structures and financial capacity. In addition to helping individual communities, we offer several utility management classes each year to local officials and operators. RCAP also has a GIS Team and operates a GIS Cooperative for communities.

Cost of Services Provided



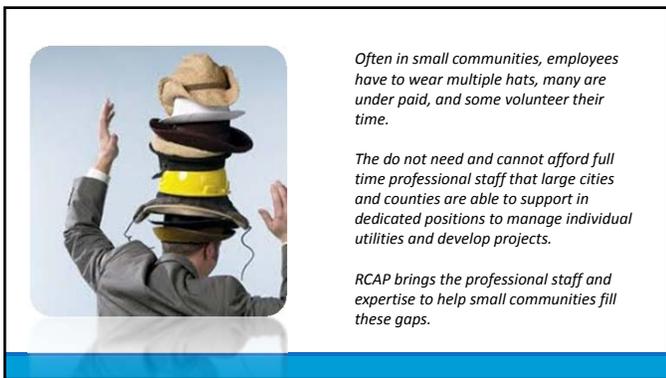
Free, Grant-Funded Assistance

Fee-for-Service Assistance



Although we are allowed to assist communities up to 10,000 in population under most of our programs, for our grant funded services, our priority is working with smaller communities. The majority of our client communities are under 5,000 population. Many have less than a few hundred customers.

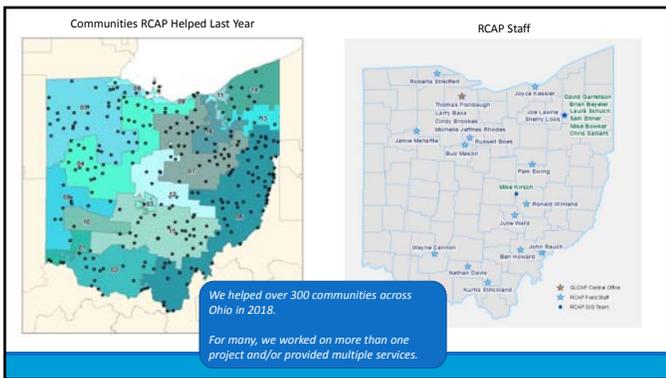
RCAP works with its client communities "as long as it takes" to bring a needed project to fruition. We provide the guidance and coordination to help them through the project planning and funding process, especially when multiple funders are involved.



Often in small communities, employees have to wear multiple hats, many are under paid, and some volunteer their time.

The do not need and cannot afford full time professional staff that large cities and counties are able to support in dedicated positions to manage individual utilities and develop projects.

RCAP brings the professional staff and expertise to help small communities fill these gaps.



Communities RCAP Helped Last Year

RCAP Staff

We helped over 300 communities across Ohio in 2018.
For many, we worked on more than one project and/or provided multiple services.

How we help

Foster Vision



Leverage Funds

Achieve Sustainability

Facilitate Compliance



AM Plan Development
Asset Management Plan Development For Drinking Water Systems

An Asset Management Plan incorporates many of the work of operation and maintenance activities your drinking water system personnel are already doing. The process of developing a formal Asset Management Plan helps operational staff and decision makers in a number of ways:

- A plan to guide maintenance activities
- A method to prioritize assets, tasks and projects
- A vehicle for operations, inspection, and repair projects
- A plan to plan for asset activities and documentation to support resource needs
- Better informed decisions about how to allocate money and resources
- Proof of understanding the current state of the system and having a detailed plan moving forward

The goal of the Asset Management Plan is to control the impact of the drinking water system, and also, "know your asset!"

Planning, Project Development & Funding

Building Support

- Community Interest Surveys
- Facilitate planning committee meetings
- Conduct appropriate public hearing and meetings

Procuring Services

- Develop scope of services for engineers
- Qualifications Based Selection process to hire an engineer
- Assist in procuring other professional services

Funding Strategy

- Planning Grants
- Income surveys
- Determine eligibility for potential funding sources
- Scenario building
- Write grant & loan applications
- Administration of grants* (CDBG, ARC, OPWIC, USDA RD, USACE)
- Assist in completing financial reports to funding agencies

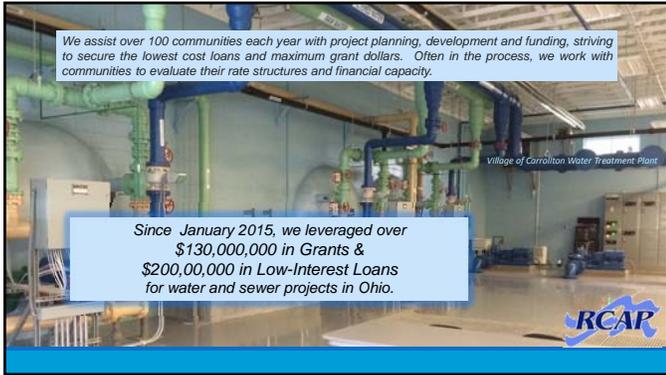
Environmental Compliance

- NEPA Environmental Reports (USDA, HUD/CDBG, Ohio EPA, US EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers)
- Prepare Ohio EPA Capacity Assurance Plans

Project Coordination/Facilitation

- Among community representatives, funders, regulators & consultants





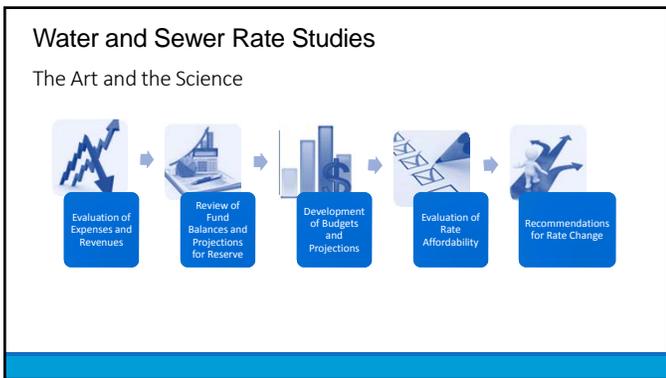


Training

For elected and appointed officials and operational staff

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 101 Utility Management • 201 Financial Management • OWDA Sponsored Short Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Planning • Project Design • Project Construction • Rate Setting • Asset Management • Leadership Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 301 Budgeting, Asset Management & Rate Setting • 401 Applied Asset Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating Mains, Leaks & Lost Revenue • GIS • CMOM Plans • Shared Services • Other Special Topics
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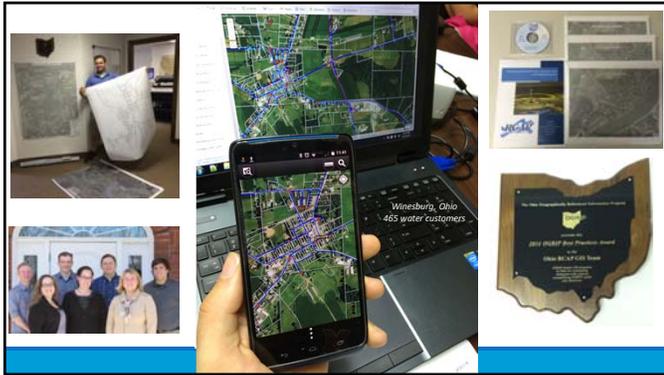




RCAP GIS

Since 2008, Ohio RCAP has worked to create a Cooperative GIS Service for communities too small to afford their own in-house GIS professional staff.

To date, we have assisted over 100 communities in Ohio with inventorying and mapping using GPS and GIS technology, and currently serve over 45 communities with a combined population of 163,000 through our GIS Cooperative.





Services for Individuals

- Private Well Assessments
- Private Well Loans

Beyond Water and Wastewater

Community Development



Affordable, effective, results-oriented assistance

Comprehensive Planning

Community Engagement

Tailored Community-Level Plans

Local Partnerships
• Dynamic Process



Stakeholder Participation

Entrepreneurship

E-Community Initiative

- Identify and develop entrepreneurial assets and resources
- Provide tools and resources to target and engage with entrepreneurs
- Business networking and coaching facilitation

Youth Engagement Programs

- Ice House Entrepreneurial Mindset Training
- Startup Experience



Comprehensive Community Services

- Grants
- Visioning
- Leadership Development
- Community Surveys
- Rural Transportation Planning
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Plans



How can we help you?



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