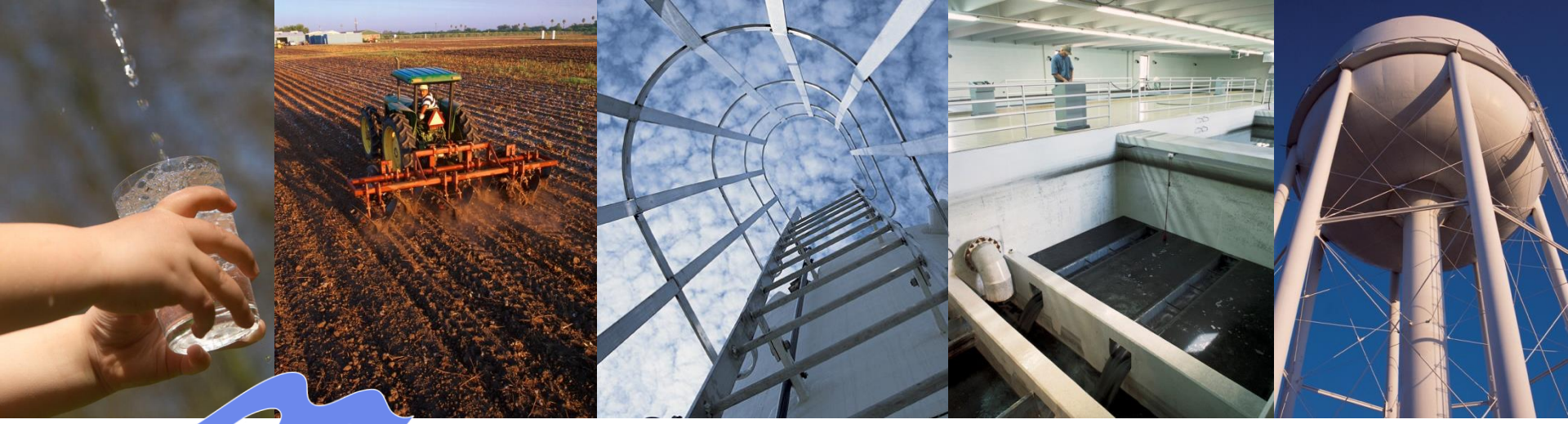

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Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program

Technical Assistance and Services for Small Communities

Ohio RCAP

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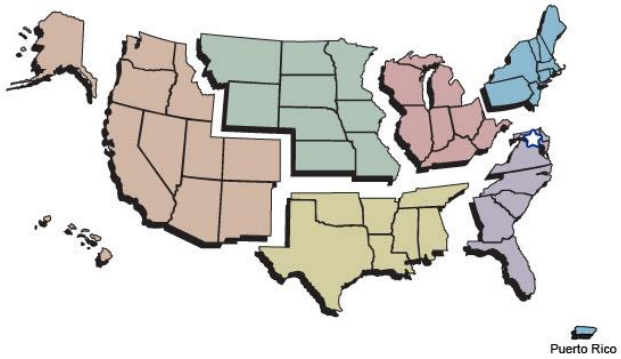
Part of a national non-profit organization to help rural communities



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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

USDA Rural Development

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HHS:OCS

Project Development

Management & Finance

Energy Audits

Rate Analysis

Asset Management

CMOM Planning

Training for Local Officials

GIS Data Collection & Mapping

Environmental Reports

Grant Writing & Administration

Community Planning: Land Use, Economic Development, Downtown Revitalization

What is RCAP?

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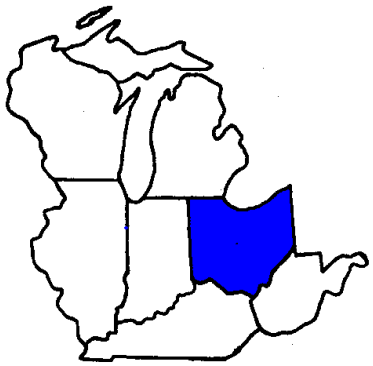
- The **Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)** is a national, non-profit organization - provides technical assistance and training on water, wastewater, & other community development issues.

- Field staff serving all 50 states and Puerto Rico

- Ohio RCAP is part of the Great Lakes RCAP region. Great Lakes RCAP is administered by the WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit agency in Fremont, Ohio.



Great Lakes RCAP Projects

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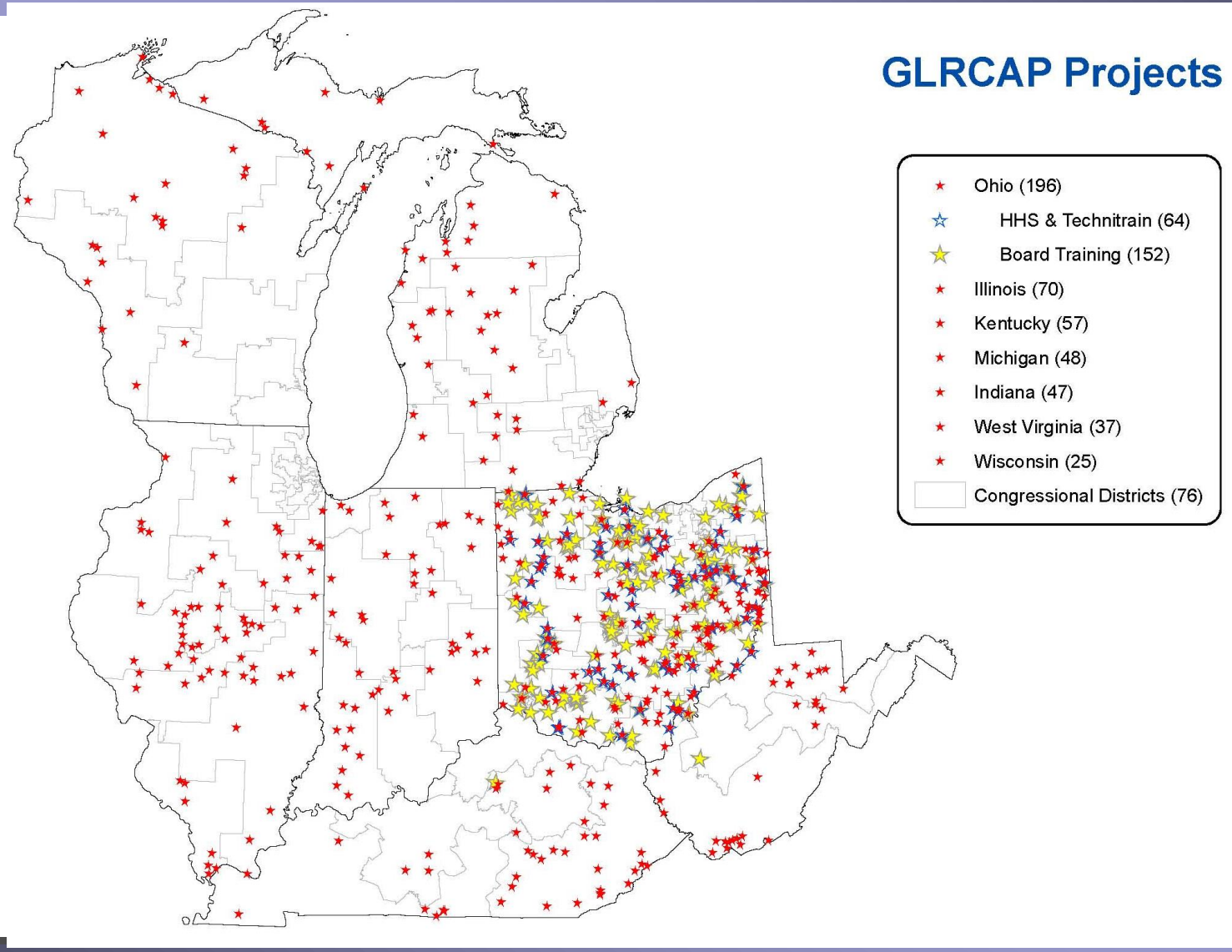

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Traditionally, RCAP has worked with communities to build *technical*, *managerial,* and *financial capacity* to construct and operate water and sewer infrastructure. This is still a major component of our program.

In Ohio, we have expanded to offer many other community and economic development services.

Grant Funded and Low Cost Services for Rural Communities

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- Many services offered at no cost to communities.

- Enrollment based on project type, community size, median income and other factors.

- Majority of client communities receive services at no cost. Many hire us to perform additional services not covered by grants.

Ohio RCAP Services

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Water and Wastewater

Community Development

Water and Wastewater

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RCAP mission is to **"Assist rural people to improve the quality of life in their communities."**

Traditionally, our focus and funding has been assisting communities with their water and sewer infrastructure needs.

Direct Discharge to Creek
Note several conduits in foreground.

Who do we serve?

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Priority for grant-funded services is communities under 3,000 population.

Work with client communities 'as long as it takes' to bring a project to fruition.

Provide guidance and coordination through project planning and funding process.

How do we help?

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- Project planning
- Engineer selection process
- Project funding
- Governing board and staff training
- Financial management
- Mediate community disputes
- Facilitate shared services agreements
- Asset management program development
- Security and emergency response planning
- Improve operational efficiencies

Funding Strategies

			FUNDING SCENARIOS						
			Project:	Smalltown, OH Sewer Project			Date:	July 1, 2010	
			Scenario	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CUSTOMERS (EDU)			100	100	100	100	100	100	100
TOTAL PROJECT COST			$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,040,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,010,000
TOTAL ANNUAL OMR			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
FINANCING									
ARC Grant			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000
Army Corps or STAG			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
CDBG W&S Grant			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 300,000
CDBG Formula Grant			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
OPWC Grant			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 200,000
OPWC Credit Enh (Interest)			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
USDA Grant			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 312,000	$ -	$ -
Local Funds (Cash, Tap Fees, Etc.)			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 50,000
OWDA Market	20	4.33%	$ 1,003,500	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
OEPA WPCLF	20	0.00%	$ -	$ 1,003,500	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
OPWC Loan	30	0.00%	$ -	$ -	$ 1,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
OWDA Community Asst	30	1.50%	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,003,500	$ -	$ -	$ 360,000
USDA Loan	40	2.50%	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 728,000	$ -	$ -
Total Financing			$ 1,003,500	$ 1,003,500	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,003,500	$ 1,040,000	$ -	$ 1,010,000
ANNUAL DEBT									
Annual Private Bank Payment			$ 76,013	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Annual Ohio EPA Payment			$ -	$ 50,175	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Annual OPWC Payment			$ -	$ -	$ 33,333	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Annual OWDA Payment			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 41,785	$ -	$ -	$ 14,990
Annual USDA Payment			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 29,001	$ -	$ -
USDA Reserve			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,900	$ -	$ -
ANNUAL DEBT & OMR			$ 76,013	$ 50,175	$ 33,333	$ 41,785	$ 31,901	$ -	$ 14,990
Total Future Av. Mo. Cost Per Customer			$ 63.34	$ 41.81	$ 27.78	$ 34.82	$ 26.58	$ -	12.49
Total Private Bank Payback			$ 1,520,260	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Ohio EPA Payback			$ -	$ 1,003,500	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total OPWC Payback			$ -	$ -	$ 1,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total OWDA Payback			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,253,548	$ -	$ -	$ 449,703
Total USDA Payback			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,160,031	$ -	$ -

*Blue font indicates formula cell.

** Loan terms and interest rates can be changed and payments/payback will change accordingly.

*** Please note that OWDA's loan fee is included where applicable. For OWDA and WPCLF loans, a 0.35% fee is charged.

The WPCLF Loan Fee for $ 1,000,000 is $ 3,500

Facility Development

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- Coordination/facilitation among community, funders, regulators, consultants
- Write grant & loan applications for funding
- Conduct appropriate public hearing and meetings
- Administration of grants*

* Denotes service not covered under our existing funding programs for which we receive administration fees.

Facility Development

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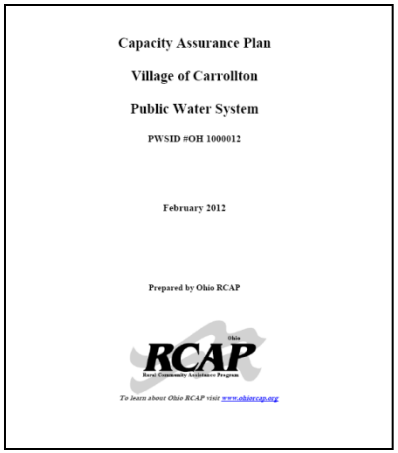
Capacity Assurance Plan

Village of Carrollton

Public Water System

PWSID #OH 1000012

February 2012

Prepared by Ohio RCAP

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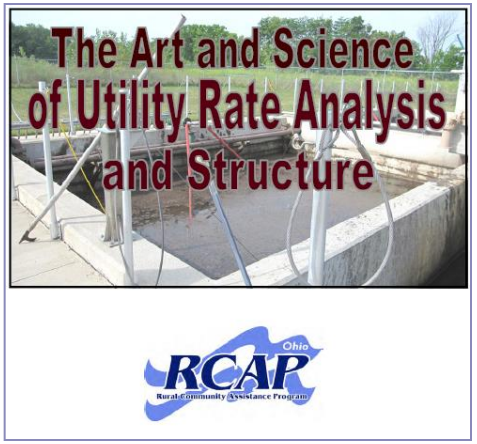

- Assist in completing financial reports to funders
- Prepare Ohio EPA Capacity Assurance Plans
- Perform Utility Rate Studies *
- Assist with Asset Management Plan Development and Capital Improvement Plans *

* Denotes service usually not covered under our existing funding programs for which we charge a modest fee.

Management & Operations

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- Assist with the development and implementation of operating policies and procedures
- Clearinghouse for sample rules, ordinances and resolutions
- Help develop strategies, policies and legislation to *reduce delinquent accounts*
- Asset Management Plan Preparation* and CUPSS
- GPS Data Collection*
- GIS Program Development*
- Energy Audits*

**Fee-for-Service if not covered under an existing grant.*

Asset Management Plan Development

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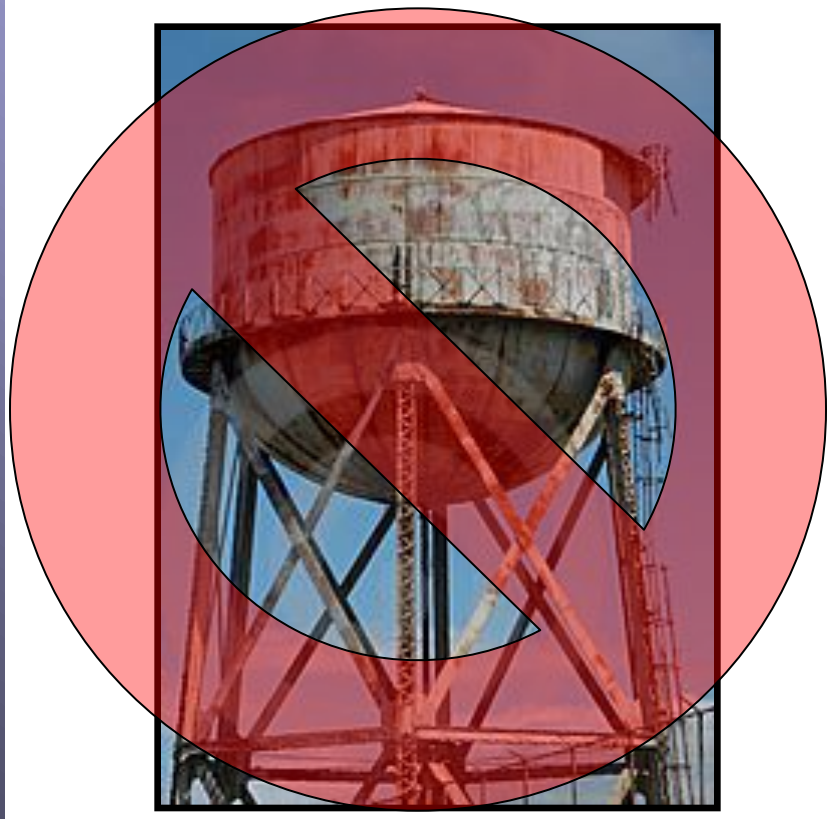
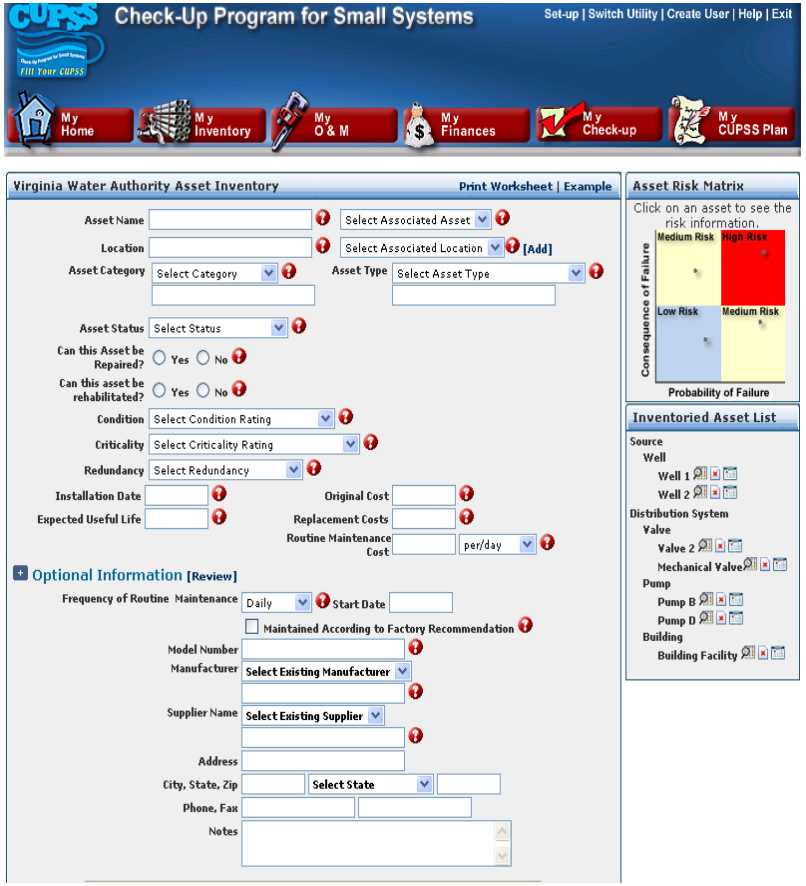
Minimize lifecycle cost through improved preventative maintenance and timely asset rehabilitation





Training

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Council/Board Training

101 Utility Management

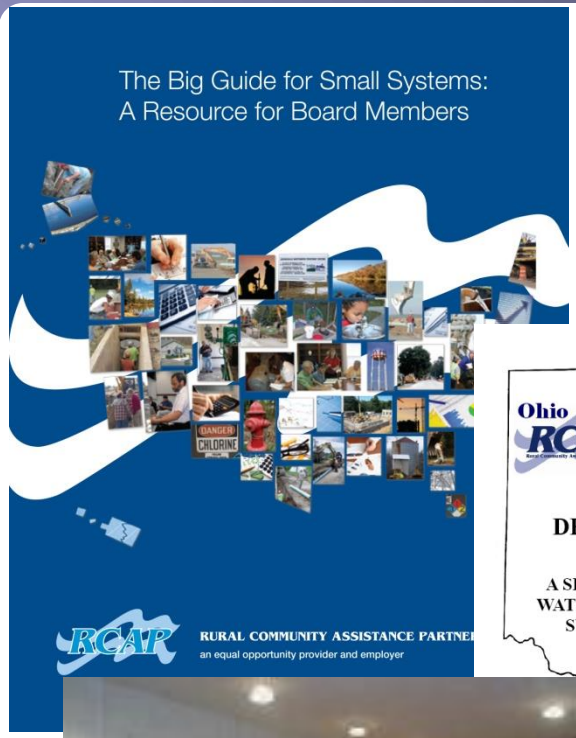
201 Financial Management

Available via classroom or online

Short courses

- Project Development
- Rate Setting and Asset Management

Leadership Training



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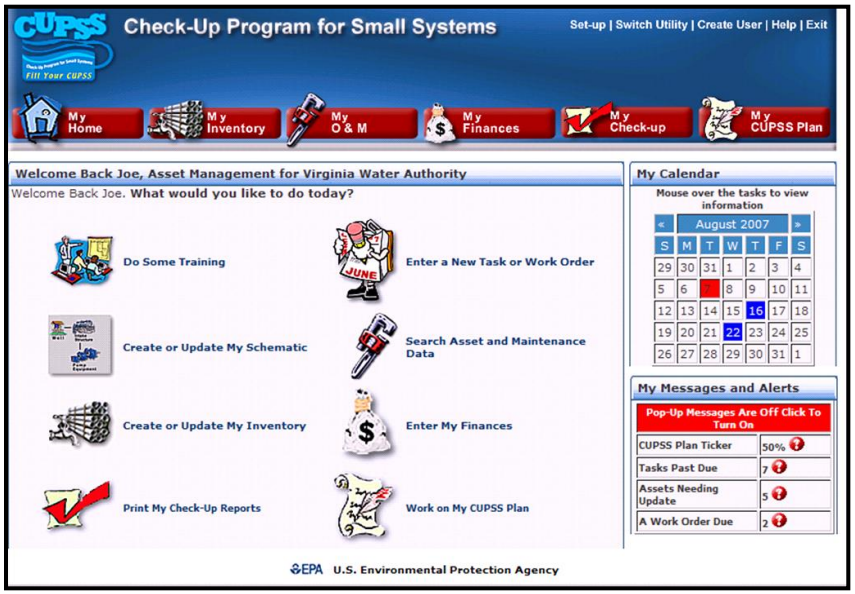
Training



Operational Staff Training

- 301 Budgeting, Asset Management & Rate Setting
- 401 Applied Asset Management using (CUPSS)
- Locating Mains, Leaks & Lost Revenue
- Energy Audits
- Other Special Topics
- Operator recruitment & training with Jobs $

Most courses offer CEUs/contact hrs.

National RCAP Publications

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http://www.rcap.org/commpubs

While you're there, check out the resource library!

Consulting Services

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Assistance for communities who do not qualify for traditional RCAP assistance or for services not covered by one of our grants

Fee-For-Service Consulting

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- Loan and Grant Writing Services
- NEPA Environmental Reports
- CDBG Administration
- Energy (Operational) Audits
- GPS Data Collection and GIS Development
- Asset Management Planning
- Rate & Structure Analysis
- Community Planning

NEPA Environmental Reports

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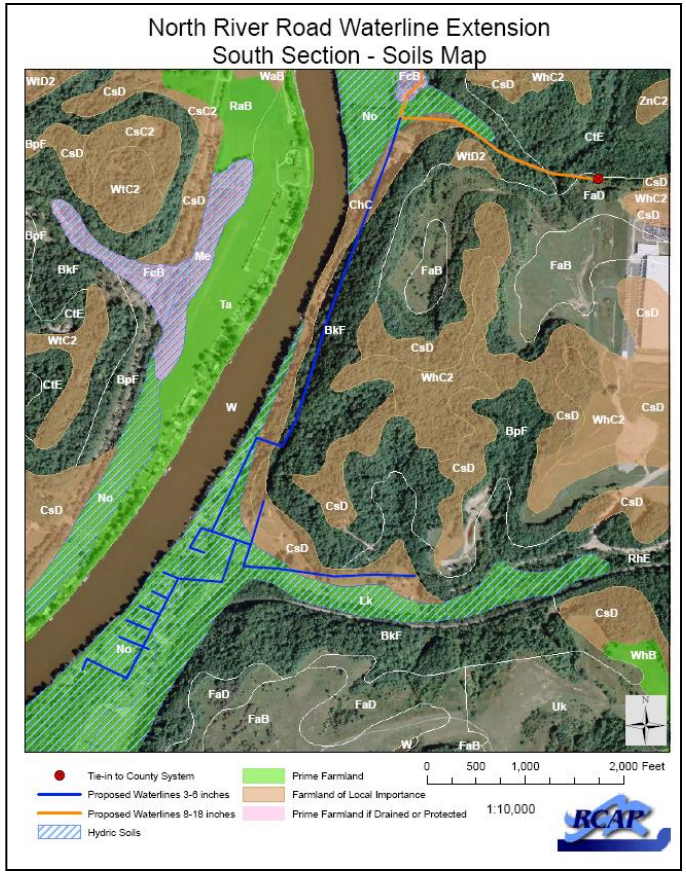
Over 15 years experience

Reports Prepared for:

- **USDA**
- **HUD/CDBG**
- **Ohio EPA**
- **US EPA**
- **US Army Corps of Engineer**



Fee-For-Service activity not covered under our grants.

Energy Audits to Save Money

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General Facilities & Buildings

Water Treatment Facilities

Wastewater Facilities

Ohio RCAP's licensed professional engineer is one of the leading experts in the country for small water and sewer utility energy audits.

- Analyze opportunities to conserve energy through changes, modifications, or upgrades to equipment and operations.

- End result is often significant energy and budget cost reduction opportunities.

- We have seen potential savings from 6% to 60%, with just over 25% being the average.

Utility Rate & Structure Analysis

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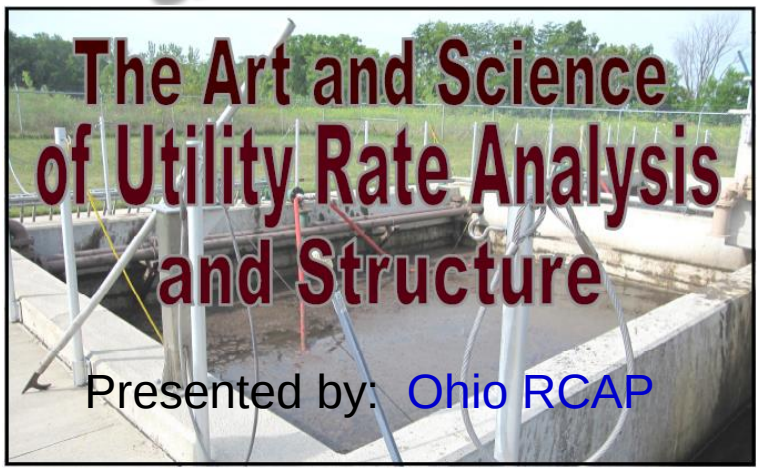
- Evaluation of expenses and revenues
- Development of budgets and projections
- Review of fund balances and projections for reserve
- Recommendations for rate change
- Evaluation of rate affordability
- Short course board training

RCAP Wrote the Book!



The RCAP GIS Team

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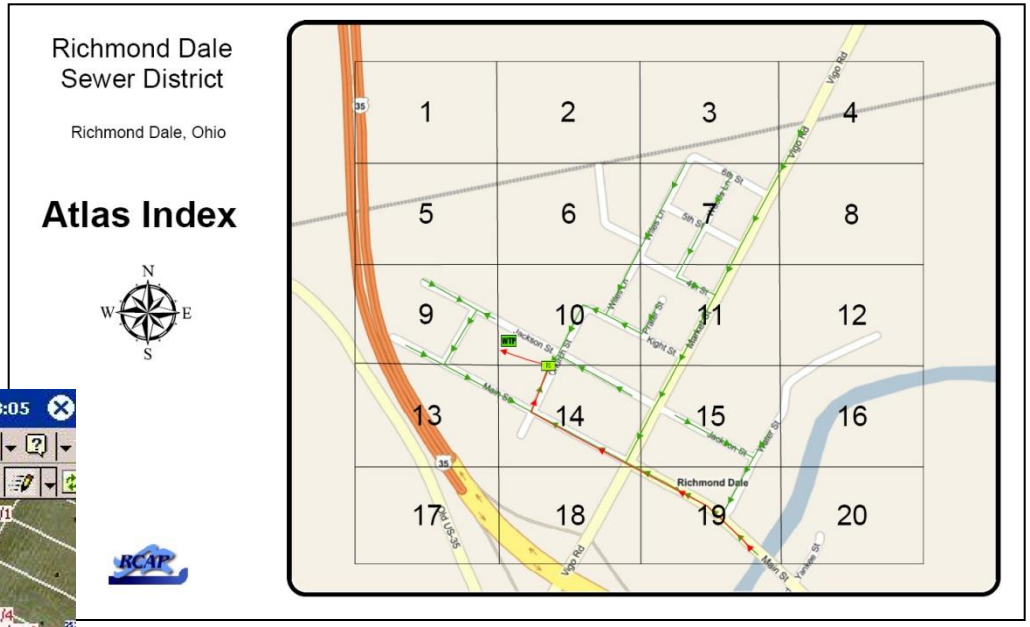
RCAP is pleased to now offer <u>GPS Data Collection</u> and <u>GIS Mapping</u>



Cooperative GIS Service

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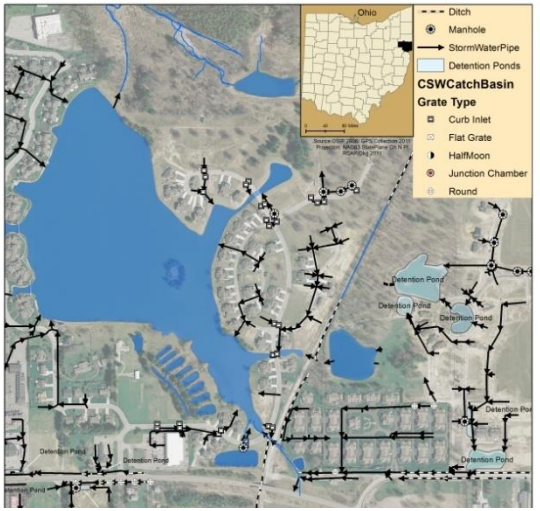

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Water and Wastewater

Community Development

CDBG Administration

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Over 50 years of combined experience:

- Formula
- Water and Sewer
- Economic Development
- Downtown

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Community Development

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The RCAP goal is to help fill the gaps in local services with affordable, effective, results-oriented assistance and to bring to the local community the specific services or planning products and processes that are most needed.

Planning and Development Services

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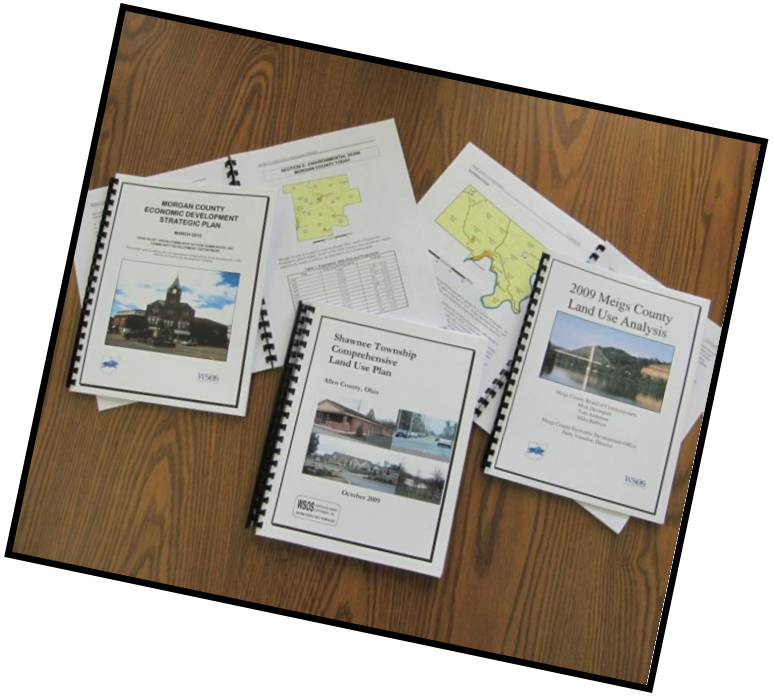
RCAP staff can work with your community to develop a variety of custom planning documents or join your community development team.



Downtown Revitalization

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- We deliver a far-reaching blueprint for downtown organization, promotion, economic restructuring, and design.
- We involve the stakeholders. It's your plan!
- We meet requirements for CDBG "Tier 2" funding.

Comprehensive Planning

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- RCAP involves the people via community meetings, stakeholder groups, surveys…
- RCAP has written plans at the County, Municipal, and Township level.
- RCAP can partner with others to provide a local dimension to the process.

Economic Development

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- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies for EDA funding or simply to maximize your assets
- Revolving Loan Fund administration
- Economic Development CDBG applications and administration
- Team with local development practitioners to seek and apply for resources to make projects happen

Comprehensive Community Services

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- Grant and resource searches
- Grant administration
- Meeting facilitation
- Visioning and goal setting
- Leadership programs
- Business financing consultation
- Community needs surveys
- Community attitude surveys
- Rural transportation planning

Economic Gardening

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- RCAP began a pilot project last year for *Economic Gardening* targeted to rural counties, small cities and villages
- Specific services to help grow 'Second Stage' Companies (appx.10-100 employees) that are already rooted in the community
- Most potential for job creation, involves no grants or tax abatements

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Coming soon to Ohio RCAP – stay tuned!

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HOMETOWN COMPETITIVENESS®

A Come-Back/Give-Back Approach to Rural Community Building

- Based on 4 pillars of community development:
  - Energizing entrepreneurs
  - Engaging and retaining youth
  - Developing and mobilizing leaders
  - Increasing community philanthropy

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Questions

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