

RCAP Project Highlights



Where:

Cliffside Park in Morris County, New Jersey

Problem:

Upgrade a very old, deteriorating water system.

Solution:

RCAP Solutions, Inc. assisted in obtaining a total funding package of \$625,000 for the project, as well as negotiating contract operations with a neighboring utility.



Safe Water in Cliffside Park

The very small community of Cliffside Park (33 homes) was in desperate need of help to upgrade its water system, which was more than 50 years old. In addition to insufficient capacity and chronic pipe breaks and leaks, there has been a decline in recent years in volunteer efforts by community members to keep the system functioning, and the system was cited by the NJ DEP for lacking a certified operator.

Finding a viable solution for such a small system was daunting. In addition to major financial problems that needed to be addressed, professional management of the system had to be implemented. RCAP Solutions staff worked closely with local representatives to develop a funding application to USDA Rural Development. USDA provided \$625,000, of which \$500,000 was a grant.

RCAP also worked with the community on the development of a management agreement with the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.

The work of RCAP Solutions will help assure that the citizens of Cliffside Park have a safe and reliable water supply into the future.

RCAP Solutions works with communities to address a broad range of needs, including community infrastructure, and to promote public, environmental, and economic health.

RCAP Solutions is a member of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership. RCAP is a national network of regional nonprofit organizations that provide comprehensive, on-site technical assistance and training to help small, rural communities address their drinking water, wastewater, and other community development needs.

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Additional New Jersey Projects

PROJECT	COMMUNITY	TYPE
Blairstown Village Drinking Water	Blairstown Township	Drinking water
Cliffside Park	Port Murray	Drinking water
Eagleswood Township	Eagleswood	Wastewater
Eastern Village Association	South Brunswick Township (Monmouth Jct.)	Other
Free Acres Drinking Water	Berkeley Heights (Free Acres)	Drinking water
Holiday City	Berkley Township	Drinking water
Holiday City	Toms River	Drinking water
Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership SW	Milltown Borough	Drinking water
North Brunswick Township Drinking Water	North Brunswick Township	Drinking water
North Brunswick Township Stormwater	North Brunswick Township	Other
North Shore Water Association-capacity	Cranbury Lake (Andover)	Drinking water