

RCAP Project Highlights



Where:

Guys Mills Water Association,
Randolph Township, Crawford County
Pennsylvania

Problem:

100 year old water system with many
leaks and compliance issues.

Solution:

RCAP Solutions' staff have helped
develop new leadership; a strategic
plan to upgrade the distribution system;
a process to meet regulatory
requirements; and provided a loan to
begin the replacement of leaking water
lines in the distribution system.



*Signing of RCAP loan
to begin construction*



A very nice Christmas present for the village of Guys Mills

Guys Mills is an unincorporated crossroads community near the Erie National Wildlife Refuge in Crawford County. Without any government help, the Guys Mills Water Association (GMWA), a small but dedicated group of homeowners, has managed a 100-year-old water system since a private owner turned the system over to them in the 1960s.

RCAP Solutions assisted the group to bring new leadership to the governing board. The board then raised the monthly user rate to \$35, while discussing and evaluating four strategies to upgrade the system and meet PA DEP compliance requirements. RCAP staff helped the board hold informational meetings, develop right-of-way agreements, and survey customers. RCAP even developed a proxy voting system, to assure consensus of the homeowners.

After a final plan to replace the system “as is” was approved, the GMWA applied for a loan from the RCAP Solutions loan fund. A 10 year loan for \$55,000 (4.5% interest) was closed in December 2007. Using this loan, along with accumulated reserves, the GMWA will: (1) Purchase and install equipment for compliance with the “Copper Rule”; (2) Replace approximately one-half mile of water lines in the coming construction season; and (3) Hopefully, *NOT* have to repair leaking water lines using dedicated volunteers this winter. *A very merry Christmas indeed!*

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 Pennsylvania Projects

PROJECT	COMMUNITY	TYPE
Alburtis Borough	Alburtis	Drinking water
Bell Twp VA & ERP	Bell Township (Punxsutawney)	Wastewater
Bessemer Borough -- ERP & VA	Bessemer Borough	Wastewater
Big Run Boro Sewer Authority	Big Run Borough Sewer Authority	Wastewater
Burnt Cabins Village Of	Dublin Township (Burnt Cabins)	Wastewater
Coaldale Six-Mile Run Water Corp	Coaldale Borough (Six Mile Run)	Drinking water
Conewango Twp ERP & VA	Conewango Township	Wastewater
Coolspring-Jackson ERP & VA	Coolspring	Wastewater
Coolspring-Jackson ERP & VA	Jackson Township	Wastewater
Dudley Carbon Joint Municipal Authority	Dudley Borough	Drinking water
Farmington Township (Clarion)	Farmington Township (Leeper)	Drinking water
Gilberton Borough	Gilberton Borough	Wastewater
Guys Mills Water Association	Randolph Township (Guys Mills)	Drinking water
Hamlin Twp	Hamlin Township (Hazel Hurst)	Wastewater
Huston TWP	Huston Township (Pennfield)	Wastewater
Jones Township Municipal Auth	Jones Township (Wilcox)	Wastewater
Kinzua/Warren Cty Sewage Auth	Clarendon Borough	Wastewater
Kinzua/Warren Cty Sewage Auth	Glade Township	Wastewater
Kinzua/Warren Cty Sewage Auth	Mead township	Wastewater
Kistler Authority	Kistler Borough (Mount Union)	Wastewater
Luzerne Township Sewer Authority	Luzerne Township (Brownsville)	Wastewater
Mill Creek Authority - Waste Water	Mill Creek Borough	Wastewater
Mill Creek Authority - Water	Mill Creek Borough	Drinking water
Monroe Twp ERP & VA	Monroe Township (Clarion)	Wastewater
Morris Run Village	Hamilton Township (Morris Run)	Drinking water
Morris Run Wastewater Project	Hamilton Township (Morris Run)	Wastewater
Muddy Run Regional Authority	Bigler	Wastewater
Northeast Schuylkill Joint Municipal Aut	Rush Township (Tamaqua)	Wastewater
Northeast Schuylkill Joint Municipal Aut	Ryan Township (Barnesville)	Wastewater
Otto Township Sewer Authority	Otto Township (Duke Center)Sewer	Wastewater
Reading Township (Conewago Estates)	Reading Township	Wastewater
Richfield Area Joint Auth -FinMgmt	Monroe Township (Richfield)	Drinking water
Richfield Area Joint Auth -FinMgmt	West Perry Township (Mt Pleasant Mills)	Drinking water
Roulette TWP	Roulette Township (Roulette)	Wastewater
Rush Township	Rush Township (Philipsburg)	Wastewater
Shannock Valley General Services Auth.	Cowanshannock Township (Nu Mine)	Wastewater
Shannock Valley General Services Auth.	Rural Valley Borough	Wastewater
Sugar Grove Township (Warren County)	Sugar Grove Borough	Wastewater
Sugar Grove Township (Warren County)	Sugar Grove Township	Wastewater
Tuscarora Township	Tuscarora Township (Honey Grove)	Wastewater
Tylersburg Sewage	Farmington Township (Leeper)	Wastewater
Wattsburg Borough Water System	Wattsburg Borough	Drinking water
West Fallowfield Sewer Authority	West Fallofield Twp Sewer Authority	Wastewater
West Salem Twp. Muni. Sewage Auth.	West Salem Township - Mercer Co.	Wastewater
Young Twp ERP & VA	Young Township (Walston)	Wastewater