

RCAP Project Highlights

**Where:**

Village of Richfield, in Juniata and Snyder Counties, Pennsylvania

Problem:

Replace springs with a well to meet SDWA requirements.

Solution:

RCAP Solutions, Inc. has assisted this community in developing a budget and rate structure to assure repayment of a \$738,000 loan from USDA.



No more springs in Richfield

The Richfield Area Joint Authority (RAJA) provides drinking water to about 200 customers in the Village of Richfield. The current water source is several unfiltered springs. RAJA is under a PA DEP Consent Order to address the infiltration of surface water into the springs (a violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act) and is drilling a new well to meet the requirements of the PA DEP. A loan of \$738,000 from USDA, along with grants from other sources, will pay for the \$850,000 project.

Establishing a budget and adjusting customer rates to assure loan repayment can be both difficult and locally sensitive in small communities. RCAP Solutions staff worked closely with the RAJA board to develop a balanced budget, followed by intensive work on a rate study. Five options were presented to the RAJA board and the public, offering a range of rate structures that would produce the same income and result in an overall increase of about 20 percent. After receiving public input, the RAJA board selected an option for immediate implementation. The assistance by RCAP Solutions staff provided a valuable service as a neutral third party on a delicate issue in this small community.

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