

Illinois Rural Community Assistance Program

Assisting Rural Communities With Their Drinking Water and Wastewater Needs



Mission Statement

The Illinois Rural community Assistance Program (IL RCAP) assists underserved, rural populations in developing and maintaining community infrastructure to improve the quality of life through partnership with public and private organizations. IL RCAP provides technical assistance to address drinking water, wastewater and community development needs.



Collaborative Partners

- IL U.S. Department Of Agriculture – Rural Development
- IL Environmental Protection Agency
- Illinois Finance Authority
- IL American Water Works Association (AWWA)

Funding

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services – Office of
Community Services

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Network

Six Regional Offices

Great Lakes RCAP Region:

Illinois	Ohio
Indiana	West Virginia
Kentucky	Wisconsin
Michigan	



National Rural Community
Assistance Program



Illinois RCAP Goals

- Project Implementation
- Minimizing Economic Impacts
- Advocacy
- Help Maintain and Achieve Regulatory Compliance
- Capacity Building

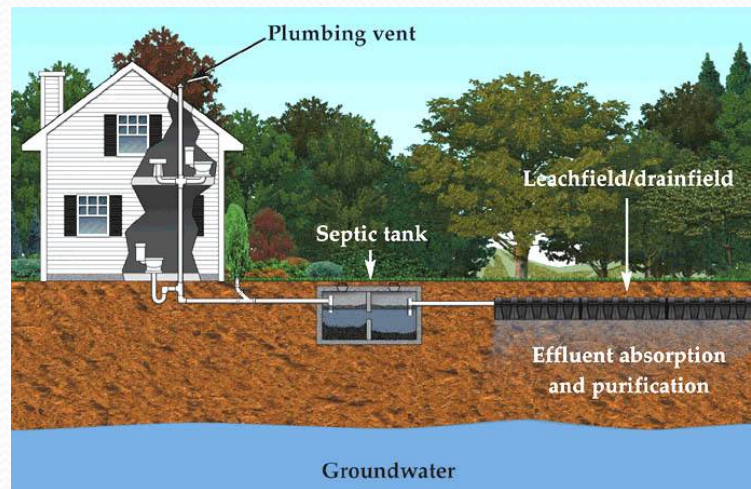
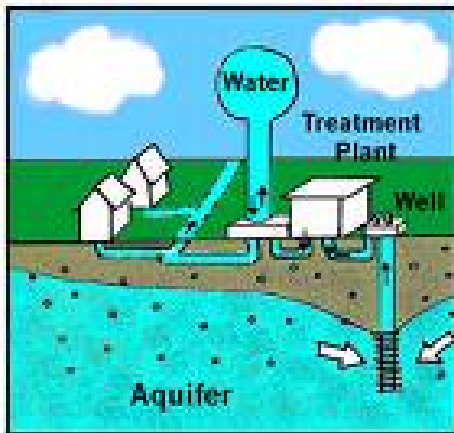


RCAP Focuses on Communities That:

- Need to upgrade their wastewater or drinking water collection, treatment, or distribution facilities to meet federal Clean Water Act requirements
- Have water systems that need to achieve compliance with federal drinking water standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act



- Have no sewer or drinking water system
- Encounter problems operating their sewer or drinking water systems
- In Violation of their discharge permits



- Need to prepare USDA/RD, IEPA, Illinois DCEO-CDAP application for drinking water and waste water grants/loans.
- Need an adequate financial base to construct, operate, manage, and maintain facilities, or to meet threats of watershed pollution



Scope of Service

Planning & Development

- Needs Assessments
- Income Surveys
- Selecting & Hiring an Engineer
- Determining Affordability of Water/Wastewater Systems (rate studies)
- Outline Planning Process and Completion Schedules
- Assisting with Securing Right-of-Ways and Easements
- Environmental Assessments
- Safety & Security Vulnerability Assessments



Facilities Development

- Grant & Loan Application Writing
- Water Quality Testing
- Assist with Legal Entity Formation
- Securing Residential Users, Water Purchases, and Intergovernmental Agreements
- Advise on Policies and Procedures for Operation and Maintenance of Systems

Capacity Building

- Financial and Managerial



Illinois RCAP has helped communities obtain over **\$23,000,000** in loans and grants since January of 2001.



Thank You For Your Time!

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