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SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

The sale of the Piasa Township Sanitary District wastewater collection system to Illinois American Water made good sense for customers and the community.



SOLUTIONS AT WORK

Piasa Township Sanitary District is a wastewater collection only system that contracts with the Village of Godfrey for treatment.

PIASA TOWNSHIP SANITARY DISTRICT WASTEWATER COLLECTION ACQUISITION

Piasa Township Sanitary District serves customers within the unincorporated David Acres neighborhood just southwest of Brighton, Ill., approximately 15 miles to the northeast of our Grafton service area. The District was only responsible for wastewater collection as it discharges to the Village of Godfrey for treatment. The District approached Illinois American Water regarding an acquisition due to concerns of meeting current and future capital needs as well as addressing the potential for a rate reduction.

CHALLENGES

- **Operational:** With no full-time employees, three volunteer trustees operated the District.
- **Financial:** The District's collection rates were higher than surrounding communities and still not keeping pace with needed capital improvements. The District found itself in financial difficulty unable to make payments on its outstanding EPA loan unless they implemented a special surcharge to address current budget short falls.

SOLUTION

The District entered into discussions regarding the potential for Illinois American Water to address their operational and financial issues. An approach and a timeline were agreed upon to expedite an acquisition and assist in efforts needed for the referendum.

BENEFITS

- **Rates:** Average users of 4,500 gallons a month will see a rate reduction of over 30% and will no longer be accountable for the remaining debt payments on the system. Current and future capital needs are addressed in the reduced rate structure so significant future rate increases are no longer a major concern.
- **Financial:** As part of a larger rate base which provides economies of scale and operational efficiency, customers will no longer be burdened by capital investment as these projects are included in Illinois American Water rates.
- **Operational:** After dissolution and acquisition, the former District became part of the Alton District with professional staff of water and waster professionals with the expertise and experience necessary to operate and maintain the collection system.



QUESTIONS?

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