



Ohio RCAP

Rural Community Assistance Program

Ohio RCAP, part of the Great Lakes RCAP region, is administered by the W.S.O.S. Community Action Commission, Inc. in Fremont, Ohio.

What is Ohio RCAP? The Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program is one of seven states that make-up the Great Lakes RCAP region. The Great Lakes RCAP is part of a national network of regional non-profit organizations that provide technical assistance to help solve water and wastewater problems.

How does RCAP work? The services below are provided free of charge to communities or community projects that serve a population of 10,000 or less. Field Agents work with community leaders to help identify the problem, find affordable solutions, and successfully complete the project.

Who funds Ohio RCAP? The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provide funding to Ohio RCAP.

What services does Ohio RCAP provide? Ohio RCAP provides the following services in program planning, facility development, operation and maintenance, management and finance.

- Assess available financing resources and complete financial packaging
- Review plans for appropriate content for funding agency requirements
- Provide information on alternative systems
- Conduct income surveys with community assistance
- Assist Ohio EPA Water Supply Revolving Loan Account applicants in completing the application and Capability Assurance Plan
- Assist USDA Rural Development applicants in complying with the Letter of Conditions
- Conduct community wide surveys on environmental issues
- Assist in procuring other professional services
- Serve as coordinator/facilitator among funding agencies, regulators, consultants, community
- Write grant/loan applications for funding of planning or construction projects (including CDBG, OPWC, OEPA, OWDA, USDA, ARC, etc.)
- Conduct appropriate public hearings and meetings
- Assist in meeting NPDES requirements
- Develop and implement compliance action plans
- Develop system policies and procedures
- Perform rate studies
- Complete financial reports to funding agencies
- Assist with bookkeeping and accounting

Ohio RCAP also offers the following fee-for-service activities:

- Source Water/Wellhead Protection Planning
- USDA- Rural Development Environmental Report Completion
- CDBG and OPWC Grant/Loan Administration
- Wetland Determinations/Delineations
- Environmental Worksheet for US EPA
- Capacity Assurance Plan for communities over 10,000

Who to contact? Please contact the nearest RCAP Field Agent, or the state Field Agent Coordinator.

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