



THE NATION'S LARGEST NON-PROFIT NETWORK SERVING RURAL COMMUNITIES

# Rural Community Assistance Partnership



## Who We Are

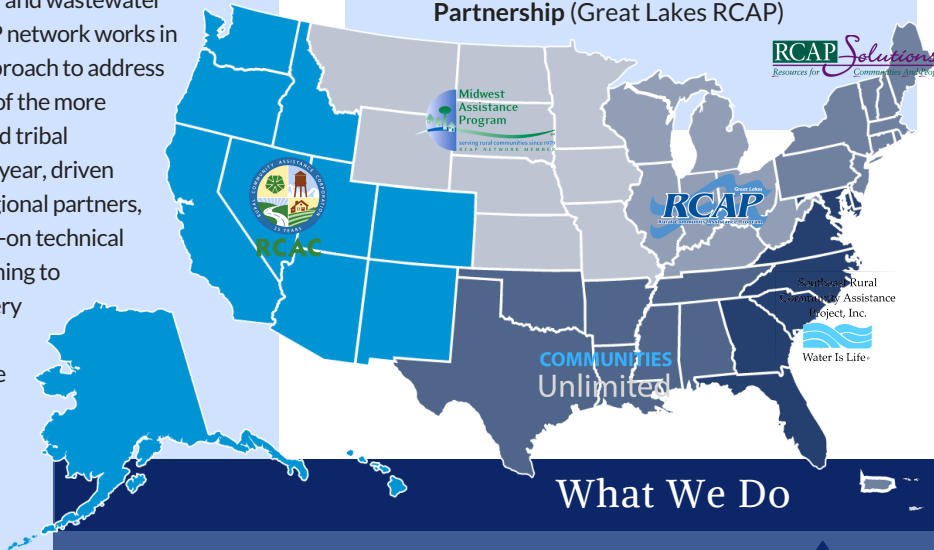
RCAP is a national network of non-profit organizations working to ensure that small, rural and tribal communities throughout the United States have access to resources, tools, and technical assistance that create capacity and opportunity for economic prosperity. RCAP's legacy is in supporting the most basic necessities in rural communities: access to and support of clean, safe drinking water and wastewater systems. The RCAP network works in a locally-driven approach to address the various needs of the more than 2,200 rural and tribal communities each year, driven by a network of regional partners, who provide hands-on technical assistance and training to communities in every state, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The network is comprised of more than two hundred trained professionals who are intimately familiar with small community issues around infrastructure and community and economic development needs.



## Where We Work

Our regional partners include:

- **Communities Unlimited** (Southern RCAP)
- **Midwest Assistance Program** (Midwestern RCAP)
- **Rural Community Assistance Corporation** (Western RCAP)
- **RCAP Solutions** (Northeastern RCAP)
- **SERCAP** (Southeastern RCAP)
- **Great Lakes Community Action Partnership** (Great Lakes RCAP)



## What We Do

- Develop Policy and Position Papers
- Represent RCAP Before Federal Agencies and Congress
- Coordinate Other Stakeholders to Support RCAP Programs
- Advocate for Rural and Small Communities in the U.S.
- Conduct Applied Research
- Share Knowledge and Best Practices
- Promote the Importance of Sustainability, Public Health, & Economic Viability
- Create Visibility for the Work of the RCAP Regional Partners
- Partner with Other Organizations on Issues Concerning Rural Communities
- Serve on Governmental and Non-Governmental Working Groups and Committees
- Host Events for Continuing Education and Professional Development

## By the Numbers

**\$100 Billion**

EPA- estimated costs of water infrastructure needs in communities of 10,000 or fewer.

**11**

The number of jobs created for every \$1 invested in water.

**1.7 million**

Americans identified by the 2010 Census as living without adequate wastewater systems.

**83%**

Percentage of water systems identified as "small systems."

**45**

Number of years RCAP has offered technical assistance and training to small systems.

**200+**

Experts on staff throughout RCAP to help small communities.

**17,000**

Number of communities RCAP has served in the last 10 years.

**6 Billion**

Gallons of treated drinking water that is lost every day.



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