



SERIOUS CHALLENGES FACING SMALL WATER UTILITIES

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*POPULATION:

- * DECLINING POPULATION
- * AGING POPULATION
- * SHRINKING CUSTOMER BASE
- * SMALLER WORKFORCE POOL
- * DIFFICULT TO FIND CITIZENS TO SERVE ON BOARDS/COUNCILS

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* **AVAILABLE WORKFORCE:**

- * SMALL POOL OF WORKERS
- * QUALIFIED WORKERS ARE AN EVEN SMALLER POOL
- * PAY/BENEFITS ISSUE

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* **FINANCIAL:**

- * NO TAX BASE
- * LIMITED RATE
FLEXIBILITY/AFFORDABILITY
- * LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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* **AGING INFRASTRUCTURE**

- * MASSIVE ISSUE WITH DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
- * COMPLIANCE ISSUES
- * LACKS EXPERTISE TO ASSIST WITH INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

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* **SUPPLY:**

- * LACK OF, OR INADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF, WATER ARE A PROBLEM FACING ALL SIZES OF UTILITIES
- * FUNDING OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SOURCES IS LIMITED

SOLUTIONS?

- * **SELLING WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEMS DUE TO:**
 - * LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES
 - * LACK OF PERSONNEL RESOURCES
 - * COMPLIANCE ISSUES

- * **REGIONALIZATION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICE FOR BOTH WATER AND WASTEWATER**

SOLUTIONS?

* ASSISTANCE WITH ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY FOR SMALL UTILITIES

- * COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DNR)
- * TRAINING FOR BOARD/COUNCIL/DECISION MAKERS (Mo. Rural Water)
- * SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING (EPA/USDA EFFORTS)

SOLUTIONS?

- * Finding and providing solutions will be a continuous, ongoing effort.**
- * Will take building partnerships and relationships that will need constant work and “hands on” contacts.**