

Exciting New Services Offered By Your Rural Water Association

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We have some exciting new events and services for you to consider, read on.

Hopefully by now, you have heard the good news, that NYRWA will be providing water and wastewater system mapping services to our members. In response to the needs of small systems, NYRWA is pleased to now be able to provide these services at a reduced rate, making it affordable to have accurate/current maps. Using GPS, we can include features such as valves, hydrants, manholes, etc. to an accuracy of less than one foot.

With the MS4 Stormwater Regulations that require maps of the system, towns and villages may consider using our services on stormwater infrastructure.

If you are interested in these services, please contact Jamie Herman – ext. 13 or Steve Winkley – ext. 17 on our toll free line 1-888-697-8725. They will visit with interested members, review your mapping and GIS needs, then prepare a detailed quote for your consideration.

Have you heard that NYRWA is offering Backflow Prevention device testing? Again, if interested, please contact Jamie Herman at ext. 13.

Now, for those of you that enjoy hands-on demonstrations and training, you might be interested in our 1st Annual Equipment EXPO coming this fall at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. This will be a one day event for water & wastewater personnel, department of public works personnel, contractors, etc. Watch for more details. If you find each year that you are unable to come away to our Annual Technical Conference due to time restraints, you may want to consider this Expo.

Speaking of the 29th Annual Technical Conference, which is featured in this issue of *Aquafacts*, please consider joining us and partake in the excellent training tracks provided for operators, clerks, elected officials – including funding agencies available to answer all your questions and let you know about the grants and loans available today.

For the first time, we will be offering 2 PDH credit classes to our engineers. We have some excellent speakers lined up for you, with several fun events, close to 100 vendors to visit with, and especially the time available to socialize with many other water and wastewater

professionals from across the state. Most of our attendees feel the best value is the networking that takes place at the conference, so please plan to join us at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa in Kerhonkson, May 19th through the 22nd.

Another new service we will be offering is Initial Grade D Certification Training. The first of a series of these courses will be offered April 15-17, 2008, in Plattsburgh. If you are interested, please contact our office, or if you feel your area is in need of this training, let us know and we will try to accommodate you. Coming soon will be our Initial Grade C Certification Training classes and we will be scheduling those around the state, so stay tuned.

One last important item to mention, or better yet ask, are you aware that Rural Water has a Revolving Loan Fund to loan out to systems? The National Rural Water Association Revolving Loan Fund was established under a grant from USDA/RUS to provide financing to eligible utilities for pre-development costs associated with proposed water and wastewater projects. Funds can also be used with existing water/wastewater systems and the short term costs incurred for replacement equipment, small scale extension of services or other small capital projects that are not a part of your regular operations and maintenance.

Systems applying must be public entities. This includes municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Native American Tribes and corporations not operated for profit, including cooperatives, with up to 10,000 population and rural areas with no population limits. There is a quick turn around on this loan, so please consider taking advantage of it.

Loan amounts may not exceed \$100,000, or 75% of the total project cost, whichever is less. Applicants will be given credit for documented project cost prior to receiving this loan.

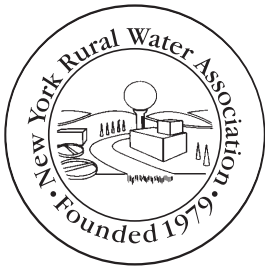
The law authorizing the program allows a maximum repayment period of 10 years. Additional ranking points are awarded in the selection process for applicants that propose a quicker repayment of the loan. The repayment period cannot exceed the useful life of the facilities or financed item. 5 year, interest only, pre-development loans will also be available.

Loans will be made at the lower of the poverty

or market interest rate as published by RUS, with a minimum of 3% at the time of closing. The most current rates are available on the RUS Water and Environmental Programs Home page at www.usda.gov/rus/water.

As for collateral, a minimum, a promissory note or comparable document authorized by the governing body will be required. The loan administrator or loan committee, when deemed necessary as allowable under State law, may require additional security.

If you are interested in applications, information and forms can be acquired via the internet at <http://12.147.232.171/>. Information can be emailed, if available electronically, to: nrwamt@nrwa.org. Applications and documents can also be sent by mail to: Rural Water Revolving Loan Fund
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