

In Your Community

Local Leaders Webinar Series

Opportunities and Challenges of Drinking Water and Wastewater Regionalization in Your Community

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As the overall cost and complexity of infrastructure management has steadily risen, it has become increasingly difficult for some smaller communities to maintain their facilities. This is true of both drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. In some parts of the state, areas that need new centralized facilities are finding it very difficult to go it alone. For both drinking water and wastewater projects, Ohio EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) resources provide incentives for utilities to consolidate or regionalize. In 2020, principal forgiveness and zero percent interest rate funds were available to assist in these cost-effective solutions.

Speakers will discuss the concept of regionalization and consolidation for drinking and wastewater utilities. Case examples of successful regionalization projects in Ohio will be discussed along with an analysis of the different funding agencies and programs available to communities.

Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance will be holding its second installment of In Your Community (IYC) series of webinars for 2021. Each webinar will focus on environmental issues that have an impact at the local level - from how Ohio EPA regulates sources of air pollution, waste management, wastewater and storm water discharges to ways your community can promote environmental stewardship and improve the environment. For more information, visit our [web page](#).

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