

SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

The sale of the City of Jerseyville's water and wastewater systems to Illinois American Water made good sense for customers and the community.



CITY OF JERSEYVILLE WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEM ACQUISITION

The City of Jerseyville is located in Jersey County, and joined Illinois American Water's Central Division, which also includes Alton, Godfrey, Grafton and Elsah and serves more than 42,000 customers. The City of Jerseyville provides water and wastewater service to a population of 11,800 through approximately 8,150 connections.

CHALLENGES

- **Rates:** The existing system was operating at a financial disadvantage. Based on their rate structure, funds were not available to implement needed improvements.
- **Operational:** The City wished to no longer operate its water and wastewater systems. Community leaders were looking for the best possible option to ensure employees had a future with the systems.
- **Financial:** City officials were concerned about retiring outstanding debt in the community. In addition, they were looking to invest capital for other community needs.

SOLUTION

The City chose to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to sell its assets and relieve their operational responsibilities. Through the RFP process, Illinois American Water was selected by the City as the best long-term solution provider for its residents.

BENEFITS

- **Financial:** The City received \$43.25 million for its water and wastewater assets after regulatory approval and at close of sale. This financial gain relieved the City of outstanding debt with proceeds to fund other community interests. Additionally, Illinois American Water is investing an average annual spend of more than \$3 million per year in the first 5 years, which will ensure the system remains in compliance with regulations and service is improved for customers.
- **Operations:** The systems are staffed by existing Jerseyville full-time licensed personnel and supported by our Alton District operations, engineering and customer support teams.
- **Rates:** Customers are included in Illinois American Water's existing tariff groups, which will help sustain future capital needs for the system while providing long-term rate stability.



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