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RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS AND WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR YOUR SYSTEM

RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IN ALL 50 STATES

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, EXACTLY?

WE MAY RECEIVE FUNDING FROM BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS

WHAT KIND OF SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE?

Services Provided   By Your Rural
Water Association

- Leak Detection
  - Isolating systems and walking the system with our leak detection equipment
    - Elkins Road Public Service District is a purchasing system. Prior to receiving our services, water loss was at 50%. After receiving our services, water loss was at 18%.
- On site problem solving including treatment issues, permit problems and rule compliance from our experienced water and wastewater operations staff
  - Circuit Riders for Water
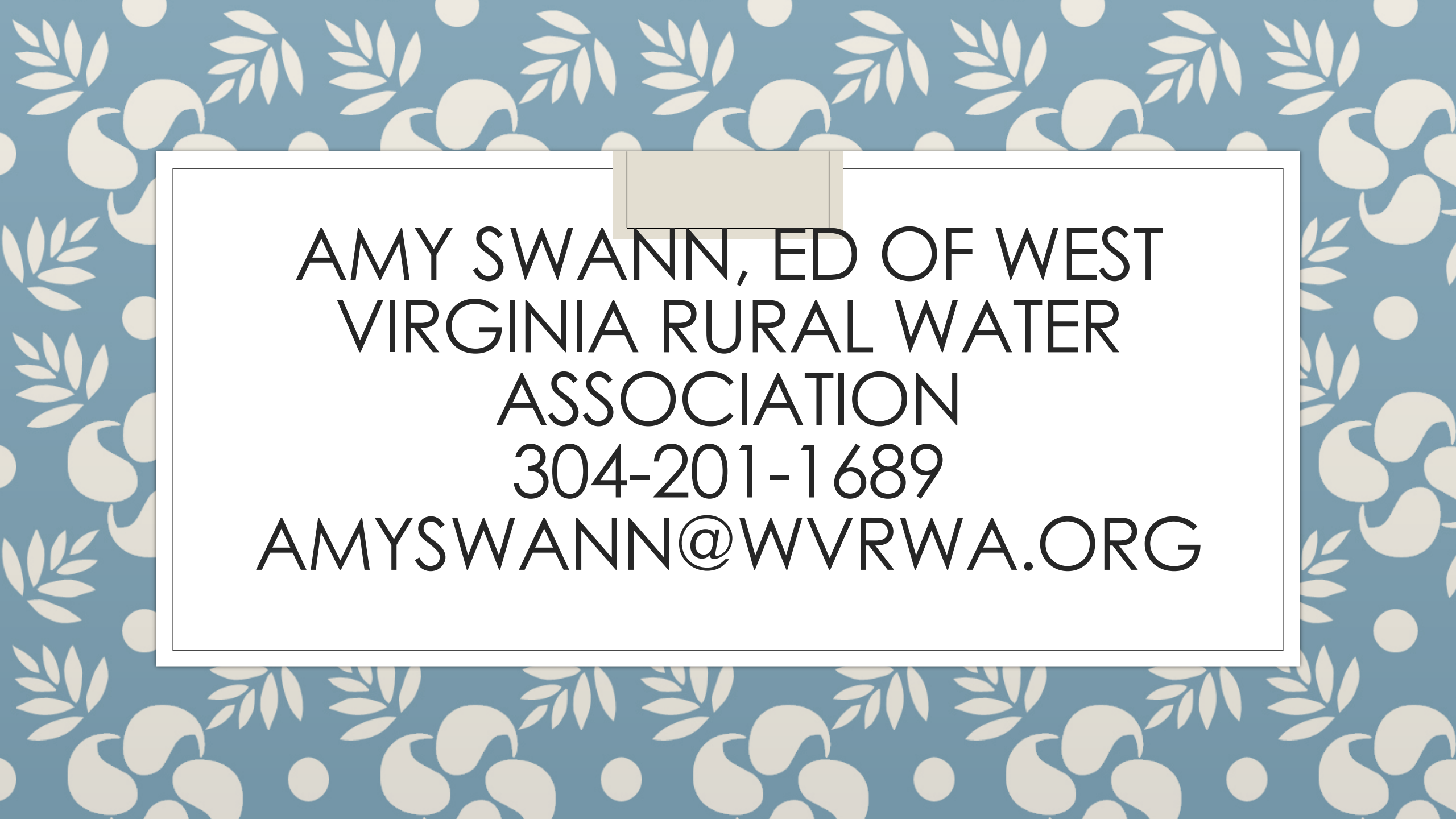 - Wastewater Technicians for Wastewater

- Training given throughout your state that allows your water and wastewater operators to receive continuing education hours at the lowest cost possible.
- On-line training classes are also available for continuing education hours.
- Camera services for wastewater systems.
- In some states, rate study assistance is provided to systems.
- Provide training from the Effective Utility Management primer designed by USEPA and RD.
  - 10 Attributes of Effectively Managed Utilities

Services Provided By Your Rural Water Association

◦ Advocacy at both the State and Federal Levels.
  ◦ Water Rally is held each February in Washington, DC which provides an opportunity for your congressional delegation to meet our board and member systems to talk about what we do.
  ◦ Advocacy also comes in the form of providing awareness of your systems needs in the federal rulemaking process.

◦ State advocacy occurs when we appear before state legislators to discuss a variety of bills pending before them.
  ◦ Recent example: WVRWA's efforts in SB 234 last year
    ◦ Allowed certain water and wastewater systems to be released from Public Service Commission regulation on rates and certificates of convenience and necessity.
    ◦ Removed requirements for public service districts to obtain public service commission permission before engaging in certain activities
    ◦ Created a statutory requirement that water and wastewater utilities have a reserve account of 1/8 of operation and maintenance expenses.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

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THANK YOU!