

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND



WATER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

State Program:

Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program

Assistance Recipient:

County Commissioners of Allegany County

Project Name:

Route 36 Water Line Replacement

Initial Agreement Date:

2023



Project Description

The 25-year-old iron water line along Maryland Route 36 in Allegany County, Maryland was severely corroded due to the chemical composition of the soil, making it prone to leaks and potential failure. The water line serves 50 local customers and provides emergency connection to the Town of Lonaconing, which struggled with its own water supply issues. **Allegany County secured a \$275,000 DWSRF loan with \$138,000 in principal forgiveness to replace the old pipe with durable PVC pipe.** The new PVC pipe reduced water loss, improved system reliability, and ensured consistent access to potable drinking water for the 50 local customers, in addition to replacing an emergency connection to the Town of Lonaconing. Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration defines both Allegany County and Lonaconing to be disadvantaged communities. Without an emergency water connection, over 1,000 residents in Lonaconing risked losing access to clean drinking water and fire protection. The new PVC pipe provides long-term water security and supports local efforts to solve water supply issues.



**DWSRF Assistance
Provided
\$275,000**



**Principal
Forgiveness
\$138,000**

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