



Wyoming County
Water Resource Agency

2016

ANNUAL REPORT

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AGENCY OVERVIEW

As part of a New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant, the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors created the Wyoming County Water Resource Agency (WCWRA) on January 2, 2013. The WCWRA reports to the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors Planning Committee but has its own independent Board of Directors. The 2016 Board of Directors consisted of:

Terry Murphy, Chairman	James Brick
Daniel Leuer, V. Chairman	Gilbert Stearns
Cheryl Ketchum, Secretary	Larry Kilburn
Sandra King	

WCWRA Administrator – Stephen Perkins (WCHD Director of Environmental Health)

AGENCY OBJECTIVE

The objective of the WCWRA is to use smart growth policies allowing the communities in Wyoming County to take advantage of economies of scale by removing redundant tasks currently being completed by the individual communities. This will be accomplished by providing centralized support staff, better financing abilities and deliver other cost savings through shared service activities.

AGENCY POWERS & GOALS

1. To assemble data relating to the water resources available to the county, both within and outside of its boundaries;
2. To assist in the planning and design of coordinated water resource and transmission projects within the County of Wyoming and make recommendations in connection with such projects;
3. To recommend and assist in the development of inter-municipal agreements and grant applications for water supply and transmission pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law;
4. To make recommendations to the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors' Planning Committee on contracts for engineering and related technical services within the annual budgetary appropriation provided to the Agency by the County and if requested, to provide services to municipalities within the County pursuant to contract with said municipalities;
5. To make recommendation to the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors' Planning Committee on contracts for other necessary services to carry out its functions within the annual budgetary appropriation provided to the Agency by the County subject to the provisions of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law and the audit requirements of the County Board of Supervisors;
6. To serve as the administrative head or body of any county water district that may be created;

7. To coordinate the implementation of any county water resource or transmission project or district with comprehensive planning and land use regulation and consistent with any inter-municipal agreements entered into by other municipalities in Wyoming County pursuant to Article 5-J of the General Municipal Law;
8. To have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be conferred upon the Agency by the County Board of Supervisors.

WCWRA 2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2016	2016	2016
<u>2016 Revenue</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budget Revised</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Membership Fees - Other	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,815.00
Water Service Charges	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 1,613.96
Water Sampling Charges	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 18,292.50
Other State Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 20,850.00	\$ 20,850.00	\$ 22,721.46
		% of Budget	108.98%
<u>2016 Expenditures</u>			
Personal Services	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Professional SVC Contracts	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,007.10	\$ 1,296.17
Auto Insurance	\$ 410.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 406.10
Gas	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 119.47
Auto Repair	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 6.00
Lab Expense	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 11,743.90	\$ 11,743.90
Office Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,287.72	\$ 219.03
Retirement	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 2,831.28	\$ 2,831.28
FICA	\$ 1,054.00	\$ 1,054.00	\$ 1,042.68
Medicare	\$ 246.50	\$ 246.50	\$ 243.76
Total Expenditures	\$ 41,080.50	\$ 41,080.50	\$ 34,908.39
		% of Budget	84.98%

2016 WCWRA ACHIEVEMENTS

A WCWRA membership opportunity is available to our public water supplies. This provides the systems that became members' additional savings in water sampling charges, free emergency leak detection as well as other programs offered by the WCWRA. During 2016, 14 public water systems signed up as members to take advantage of this membership opportunity.

The potable water sampling program continued to expand its usage during 2016. As of the end of 2016 there are 26 public water systems utilizing the cost saving benefits that the WCWRA water sampling service provides. The total number of water samples submitted through the agencies sampling program have gone from 224 samples in 2014, 535 samples in 2015 to 605 in 2016. A drop off point, with courier service, has been established in the Villages of Attica & Arcade to assist the systems in those parts of the county.

The Leak Detection program continues to be utilized for emergency leak detection. During 2016 there were eight events at four of our municipal systems that required the services of this leak detection program. In addition to the emergency leak detection services, information continued to be provided on the importance of have distribution system leak detection surveys completed. This is a valuable tool to provide information on leaks where potential water loss is occurring within distribution systems. This service has also been offered to neighboring county water systems. During 2016 two leak detection surveys were conducted for the Town of Pike and Village of Elba (Genesee County). A third survey was started late in 2016 for the Village of East Aurora (Erie County) and will be concluded in early 2017.

The WCWRA assisted and participated in the Certified Water Operators Training Course held on March 16, 2016. This course benefits the certified water operators, representing many community water systems within Wyoming County, by providing them with information that will hopefully help them with the operation of those systems. In addition, contact training credits are issued to assist the operators with their required renewal training credits. There were 51 individuals in attendance.

The WCWRA continued to actively participate in the creation of Wyoming County based GIS Mapping service. This is being done along with other WC Departments who would benefit from this type of service. Once completed, it will not only assist the agency with detail mapping of our potable water / wastewater infrastructure and system service areas but would also benefit our members with accurate, detailed GIS mapping of their distribution systems and aid in the development of asset management programs.

Meeting with Allegany County Officials was held to discuss the creation and workings of the WCWRA. As a result of this initial, a presentation was given to an Allegany County Committee meeting on April 27, 2016 to continue this discussion as they are looking to create a similar type of water resource agency.

Projects that were reviewed and/or initiated in 2016 for potential WCWRA involvement and/or assistance:

- Silver Lake Institute Water District, (T) Castile – Updated of the distribution system to address potential health and pressure issues.
- Wyoming Village Water Supply, (V) Wyoming – To install a secondary well to serve as the back-up supply for the village's potable water system and update aging distribution piping.
- Silver Springs Village Water System – Extending the water district to serve a large agribusiness on Broughton Road (T) Gainesville.
- Gardeau Water District (T) Castile – Preliminary discussion on possible system upgrades and the expansion of the district.
- Town of Covington – Possible creation of a water district within the town.
- Genesee County – Possible connection into the Monroe County Water Authority.
- Varysburg Water District, (T) Sheldon – Installation of a new water meters.
- North Java Water District, (T) Java – Assisted in a review of the system.
- Highland Glens Sudvision, (T) Bennington – Possible connection into the Cowlesville Water District.
- Perry Village Water Treatment Plant – Planning for the upgrade of the treatment plant and possible partnership
- Arcade Village Wastewater, (V) Arcade – Updating the village's wastewater disposal plant to address operational issues as well as provide additional capacity.
- Perry Village Wastewater, (V) Perry - Updating the village's wastewater disposal plant to address operational issues as well as provide additional capacity.

In closing, 2016 continued to see the growth and development of the WCWRA to where it is now a viable agency capable of achieving many of the goals that were envisioned during its formation.