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SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

The sale of the City of Grafton wastewater system to Illinois American Water made good sense for customers and the community.



SOLUTIONS AT WORK

Illinois American Water's acquisition of the Grafton wastewater system completed the consolidation of utilities providing financial and operational system reliability.

CITY OF GRAFTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM ACQUISITION

The City of Grafton is located 15 miles west of Alton, Ill., along the Mississippi River. The wastewater treatment plant was constructed after the catastrophic flood of 1993. The average daily flow of the plant is 0.3 million gallons and serves 340 customer connections. In 2013, Illinois American Water acquired the water distribution system in Grafton.

CHALLENGES

- **Operational:** The city was concerned about meeting existing and future regulatory requirements. Limited resources and staff were available for wastewater operations.
- **Financial:** The city was also worried about funding future infrastructure improvements which would cause a significant rate increase for residents.

SOLUTION

With the successful acquisition of its water system, the city began a dialogue with Illinois American Water and determined that selling its wastewater system would address the operational and financial concerns of city leaders.

BENEFITS

- **Operational:** The Grafton wastewater system is now part of the Alton District, which as a professional water and wastewater staff with the expertise and experience necessary to operate and maintain the city's utilities.
- **Financial:** The City of Grafton received \$600,000 for the system and wastewater rates did not change, and as part of Illinois American Water, future improvements will be made to the wastewater system.

QUESTIONS?

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