



CITY OF JERSEYVILLE WATER AND WASTEWATER ACQUISITION

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



ADVANCING SERVICE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

The City of Jerseyville is located in Jersey County, which also includes Alton, Godfrey, Grafton and Elsau and serves more than 42,000 customers. The City of Jerseyville provided water and wastewater service to a population of 9,000 through approximately 8,000 connections. For years, the City faced issues with aging infrastructure, financial constraints and regulatory pressures related to its water and wastewater systems. City leaders expressed a desire to alleviate the city’s debt and also identify a long-term solution for water and wastewater expertise.

CHALLENGES

- **Rates:** The existing system was operating at a financial disadvantage. Based on the city’s rate structure, funds were not available to implement needed improvements.
- **Regulatory:** The City of Jerseyville 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.

SOLUTIONS

The City chose to issue a Request for Proposal (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.

LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- **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.
- **Investment:** Since completing the purchase in 2019, Illinois American Water has invested \$61.4 million in the water and wastewater systems including a \$31.5 million upgrade to the water treatment plant in Jerseyville, allowing the facility to more effectively treat raw water and more efficient use of chemicals in the treatment process. Illinois American Water expects to invest an additional \$56.5 million over the next five years.
- **Operations:** Illinois American Water continued to employ the existing full-time licensed personnel and integrated employees into Illinois American Water’s Central Division.

ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER’S INVESTMENTS IN JERSEYVILLE - WATER AND WASTEWATER

Year	Investment
2020	\$1.27 million
2021	\$5.14 million
2022	\$16.16 million
2023	\$28.35 million
2024	\$10.48 million
Total	\$61.4 million