

## SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

The sale of the Village of Godfrey's wastewater system to Illinois American Water made good sense for customers and the community.



# SOLUTIONS AT WORK

Illinois American Water will provide technical and financial resources to meet current and future EPA requirements.

## VILLAGE OF GODFREY WASTEWATER SYSTEM ACQUISITION

The Village of Godfrey is located in Madison County, in an existing Illinois American Water Alton District service area of more than 18,000 customers. The Village of Godfrey provides wastewater collection and treatment service to approximately 6,200 customers.

### CHALLENGES

- **Rates:** The existing system was operating at a financial disadvantage. Based on the existing rate structure, funds are not available to implement needed improvements.
- **Regulatory:** The Village was behind in completing necessary improvements required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Consent Decree related to Sanitary Sewer Overflows.
- **Financial:** Under the EPA's Administrative Order on Consent, the Village of Godfrey needed to make significant investment in improvements to their wastewater system.

### SOLUTION

The Village chose to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to sell its assets and relieve their operational responsibilities related to the Consent Decree. Through the RFP process, Illinois American Water was selected by the Village as the best long-term solution provider for its residents.

### BENEFITS

- **Financial:** The Village received \$13.55 million for its wastewater assets after regulatory approval and at close of sale. This financial gain relieved the Village of capital improvement responsibilities necessary to comply with the EPA's Administrative Order on Consent.
- **Regulatory:** Illinois American Water will invest an average annual spend of more than \$2 million per year after satisfying the improvements required by the Administrative Order on Consent, which will ensure the system remains in compliance with EPA regulations and improve quality and service for customers.
- **Rates:** Customers are included in Illinois American Water's existing tariff groups, which will help sustain future capital needs for the system while providing long-term rate stability.

