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## PVSC AWARDS \$596,944.76 IN REBATES TO MUNICIPALITIES

**Newark, NJ** – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) recently awarded rebates totaling \$596,944.76 to municipalities in its service area as part of our innovative Municipal Rebate Incentive Program.

The program is a cooperative effort between PVSC and its contributing communities. All construction projects within the PVSC service area are required to be assessed for connection fee applicability. First, a construction project application must be submitted to the PVSC Inspection and Compliance Bureau Connections Unit. PVSC Inspectors then review each application and work closely with municipal Building Departments and Code Enforcement Offices in order to calculate the appropriate connection fee. In accordance with the Municipal Rebate Incentive Program, 15% of that fee (up to \$5,000.00 per file) is then refunded back to the municipalities in exchange for their cooperation.

Connection Unit Inspectors reviewed 2,591 applications in 2019. Of these, 1,557 were deemed to have no impact to the PVSC system and were therefore given a "Review - No Fee" status. The remaining 1,034 applications showed a daily discharge of an additional 3,379,353 gallons for the year into the PVSC system. This resulted in \$9,267,301.35 in connection fees and the aforementioned \$596,944.76 in rebates to PVSC's participating, contributing municipalities.

"PVSC ensures that all new construction projects pay the required connection fee. Then, our member towns receive some much-needed revenue to help offset the costs of basic services," said PVSC Chairman Thomas Tucci. "This is a great, cooperative program."

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