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**PVSC AWARDS \$545,895.31 IN REBATES TO MUNICIPALITIES**

**Newark, NJ** – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) recently awarded rebates totaling \$545,895.31 to municipalities in its service area as part of its 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.

Connection Unit Inspectors reviewed 1,960 applications in 2021. Of these, 1,170 were deemed to have no impact to the PVSC system and were therefore given a “no fee” status. The remaining 790 applications resulted in a daily discharge of an additional 2,878,079 gallons per year into the PVSC system. This resulted in \$6,299,585.41 in connection fees and \$545,895.31 in rebates to PVSC’s contributing municipalities.

“When a building is connected to the PVSC sewer system, there are a number of highly-regulated descriptive codes and standards that must be met,” said PVSC Chairman Thomas Tucci, Jr. “Through this cooperative program, PVSC ensures that all new construction projects pay the applicable connection fee and that all-participating municipalities get some much-needed revenue to help offset the costs of basic services. This is mutually beneficial for all involved.”

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