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## PVSC Awards \$518,558.54 in Rebates to Municipalities

Newark, NJ – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) recently awarded rebates totaling \$518,558.54 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 1,653 applications in 2023. Of these, 965 were deemed to have no impact to the PVSC system and were therefore given a "no fee" status. The remaining 688 applications resulted in a daily discharge of an additional 2,570,911.40 gallons per year into the PVSC system. This resulted in \$8,337,640.84 in connection fees and \$518,558.54 in rebates to PVSC's contributing municipalities.

"Through this cooperative program, PVSC ensures that all new construction projects conform with a large set of highly-regulated requirements and descriptive codes and that the applicable connection fee is paid. Then, all member towns get some help offsetting the costs of basic services," said PVSC Chairman Thomas Tucci, Jr. "This is a win-win situation for all involved."