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**PVSC AWARDS \$505,105.08 IN REBATES TO MUNICIPALITIES**

**Newark, NJ** – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) recently awarded rebates totaling \$505,105.08 to municipalities in its service area as part of PVSC's 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, if any. In accordance with the Municipal Rebate Incentive Program, 15% of that fee (up to \$5,000 per file) is then refunded back to the municipalities in exchange for their cooperation.

Connections Unit Inspectors reviewed 2,177 applications in 2018. Of these, 1,301 were deemed to have no impact to the PVSC system and were therefore given a “Review - No Fee” status. The remaining 876 applications resulted in a daily discharge of an additional 3,534,955 gallons for the year into the PVSC system, which resulted in nearly \$7 million in connection fees and \$505,105.08 in rebates to PVSC’s contributing municipalities.

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

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***In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey, serving nearly 1.5 million people in parts of five counties.***

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