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## SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

The sale of Forest Homes-Maple Park Public Water District water distribution system to Illinois American Water made good sense for customers and the community.



# SOLUTIONS AT WORK

Forest Homes-Maple Park Public Water District residents approved dissolution by referendum in November 2016.

## FOREST HOMES-MAPLE PARK PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ACQUISITION

The Forest Homes-Maple Park Public Water District is located in unincorporated Madison County near the City of Alton. With such close proximity to Illinois American Water's Alton District, the District partnered decades ago with Illinois American Water to provide source water for its customers. The District serves a population of approximately 1,550 people through 517 customer connections.

### CHALLENGES

- **Operational:** Existing system maintenance and repairs were being conducted on a contractual basis with no dedicated staff aside from an office manager.
- **Financial:** The District was concerned about funding the needed infrastructure investments to comply with industry standards. Cash reserves were being drawn down to make current needed improvements with future rate hikes required.

### SOLUTION

The District entered into discussions with Illinois American Water regarding the benefits of an acquisition. It determined the best course of action was the dissolution of the District and a sale to Illinois American Water. The District authorized a referendum that passed in November 2016 allowing for the dissolution and contract approval.

### BENEFITS

- **Operational:** The District became part of the Alton District with a professional staff with the expertise and experience necessary to operate and maintain the distribution system.
- **Financial:** By utilizing the Illinois Water Systems Viability Act to set the value of the system, the District received \$900,000 that will be distributed among property owners.
- **Rates:** Average users will see a minimal rate increase as compared to what future District rate increases could have been.



## QUESTIONS?

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