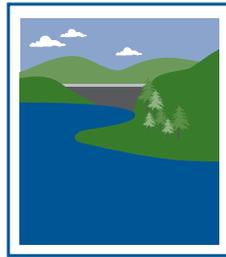


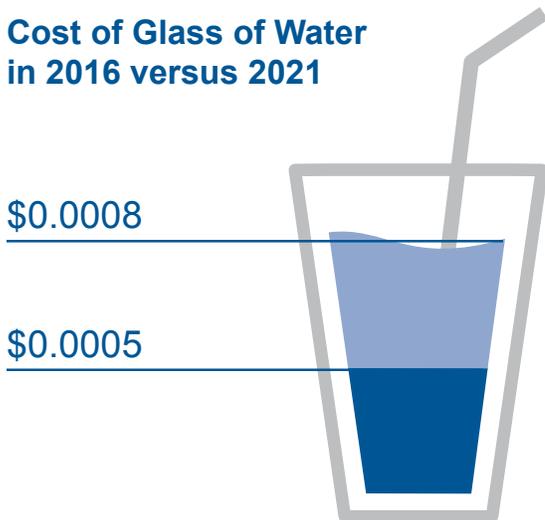
# INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

The Paulding County Water System is investing in the future of Paulding County through the construction of the new Richland Creek Reservoir and Water Supply Program (RCR). This program will result in the development of a new 305-acre reservoir, 18 million gallon per day water treatment plant, and approximately 20 miles of pipeline improvements that will allow Paulding County to have its own water supply. The program will be expandable and will allow Paulding County to supply water demands of the County for at least the next 50 years. Additionally, the RCR will support economic development and provide fishing and recreational activities along with a public park once completed.

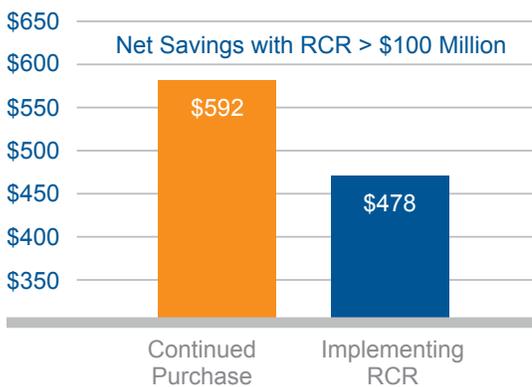


## RICHLAND CREEK RESERVOIR

### Cost of Glass of Water in 2016 versus 2021



### Long-Term Cumulative Cost Comparison Through 2050



In order to implement this program, investment will be made to construct the new facilities. Since funding for water and sewer projects comes from users, we anticipate a 5-year period of higher than average rate increases. The increase is needed to construct the new facilities. Historically, through our contractual agreement with Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA), rates have been and would continue to increase at 4% a year for the next 20 years. With RCR, the rates are expected to increase by 8.75% for a period of 5 years and then stop (in 2021). This represents a 4.75% increase above the planned 4% CCMWA increase. Once the investment is made, there will be substantial long-term savings (beyond 2021) for Paulding County residents. For the average customer, the rate increases that will take place over the next 5 years will result in a water bill increase of approximately \$2 to \$4 per month each year.

By implementing the RCR Program, over a 10-year period, rates would be less than if the reservoir was not constructed. And long term, by being able to produce its own water, Paulding County residents will save over \$100 million in lower water rates.

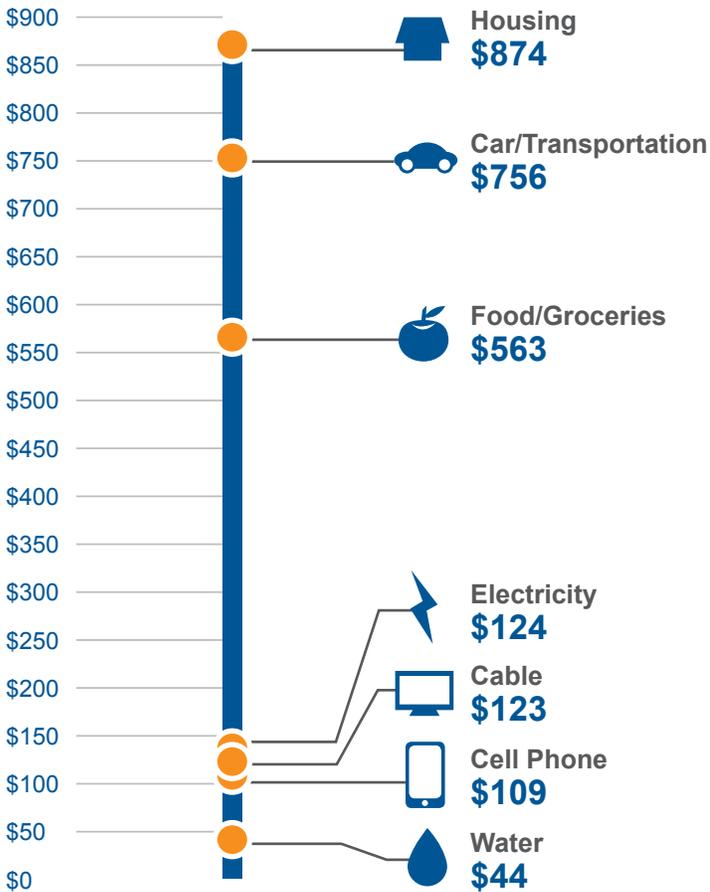
Even with the anticipated rate increases, the cost of a glass of water remains very low. To see how your individual rates will be affected by the anticipated rate increases, visit the following website:

[www.rcrwater.com/rates](http://www.rcrwater.com/rates)



## U.S. Household Average Monthly Expenditures

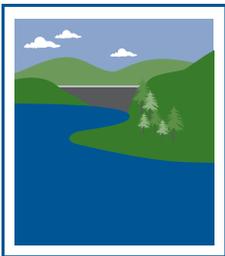
Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey 2014



# DRINKING WATER IS A GREAT DEAL

Even with the planned rate increases, drinking water continues to be incredibly affordable. The graphic to the left shows a national survey conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2014 that shows the average household expenditure for water compared to other costs.

When you consider that for less than a fraction of a penny, drinking water is delivered to your home 24 hours a day/365 days a year and that the water meets all state and federal drinking water standards, you realize the tremendous value of water. Someone who purchases a bottle of water (often the same quality as tap water) for \$1.50 could have purchased more than 250 gallons of tap water. Additionally, our municipal drinking water services supply water to provide fire protection for your family and property.



## RICHLAND CREEK RESERVOIR



**305**  
ACRE  
RESERVOIR



**3** BILLION GALLONS  
OF DRINKING WATER

