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Indoor Plumbing and Rehabilitation Program



SERCAP IPR program house in Botetourt County, VA.

Indoor Plumbing & Rehabilitation (IPR) is a program which assists homeowners whose home lacks complete indoor plumbing facilities. According to the US Census Bureau, Houses without complete indoor plumbing are defined as housing units which lack:

- Hot and cold piped water.
- Bathtub or shower.
- Flush toilet.

**This definition has been more or less consistent since 1970.*

SERCAP has been providing Indoor Plumbing & Rehabilitation (IPR) services to residents of rural communities since its founding in 1969. In 1993 SERCAP became an official IPR provider in the Commonwealth of Virginia under the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD).

SERCAP's indoor plumbing work began in the Hollins area located in Roanoke County. SERCAP's primary mission was to bring clean and affordable water services to rural communities which included complete plumbing and septic facilities. SERCAP currently is the IPR sub-recipient for Buckingham, Caroline, Clarke, Floyd, Frederick, Montgomery, Pulaski, Prince George, and Wythe counties. Since 2008 SERCAP has completed 41 IPR project houses totaling \$3,599,061 and 5 special project houses totaling \$971,198.

In addition to the successful completion of projects in its own nine county service area SERCAP has completed projects in Prince Edward, Carroll, Botetourt and Amherst counties when the county's designated IPR sub-recipient was unable to be of assistance. SERCAP was authorized by DHCD to re-assign the Governor's Water Project funds to complete five houses in Hobson Village located in the City of Suffolk. The Hobson project targeted unsafe housing and safe drinking water concerns.

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