City: Wall Lake

Title of Project: Electric Distribution Rebuild

City's Population: 819

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:
The Wall Lake electric distribution system was purchased in 1963 from IPS and since has had very few upgrades. Several years ago Council decided it was time to begin the rebuild and requested an estimate from an engineer but nothing was done. In 2012 Council decided to request an estimate from an engineer. The estimate came back at $3.45 million, Council was unsure what to do. In 2014 the project could wait no longer so an electric lineman and an apprentice were hired. Council suggested we contract with an engineer to design the work and our employees do the rest. By doing this the project will take ten years and save our customers approximately $2 million.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
The Wall Lake electric system is a business of the City of Wall Lake governed by the City Council.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
The future impact this project will have is tremendous. With the completion of the project our system will be more efficient saving our customers approximately $25-40,000 per year when completed. But more important the system will be reliable for the next fifty years with little maintenance.

Total cost of project: $1.5 million

List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):
borrowed funds the first year and paid cash from electric sales

Total time project took/projected to take for completion. Please include start date and end date. (To qualify the project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016):
10 years estimated, started June 2014 continually ongoing
Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):

www.walllake.com