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Rural Development's \$9 Million Funding Ensures Butler's Sewer Services Meet Growing Demands

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 30, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$9,070,000 financing package to Butler County, Ohio. The funding is from Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program and will be used to increase the county's sewage handling capacity.

"As populations in rural communities continue to increase, so does their need for expanded water and sewer services," said Hunt. "Improving environmental safety conditions and overall quality of life for Ohio's rural residents are primary focuses of our Water and Waste Program.

Funding will be used to construct approximately seven miles of a gravity sewer collection system and pump station to the unincorporated areas of Williamsdale and Overpeck in St. Clair Township. The sewage treatment will be provided by the New Miami wastewater treatment plant.

The Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program makes direct loans and grants to build or improve essential public use facilities such as water and sewer facilities, storm sewers and solid waste facilities.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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