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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE BARRE WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY



BARRE, MA – USDA Rural Development State Director, David Tuttle joined the Barre Board of Selectmen and members of the Barre Sewer Commission today to announce that the federal agency will be providing the town with a \$465,000 grant and an \$825,000 low-interest loan to make improvements at the Barre Wastewater Treatment facility. Today’s announcement was held at Quabbin Regional High School after State Director Tuttle joined Lieutenant Governor, Kerry Healy for a visit to a Project Citizen class.

The over \$1.2 million in Rural Development funds for Barre will be used to make additional improvements at the town’s wastewater treatment facility which will service 2,013 residents of the community. Approximately 35 percent of the Town of Barre’s population currently discharges into the municipal sewer system. Two years ago, Barre’s wastewater treatment facility was awarded over \$900,000 in USDA funds as a result of the 2002 Farm Bill and was used to finance the first phase of upgrades to the facility.

“USDA Rural Development’s commitment to rural America aims to improve the quality of rural living today and tomorrow,” said State Director Tuttle. “The importance of sound infrastructure projects like the one taking place in Barre are sometimes overlooked, but really these projects are what keep small, rural communities safe and sanitary for this generation and those to follow.”

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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. As a venture capital entity, 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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