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TOWN OF WINSTED RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GRANT FROM USDA

WINSTED, CT - Congresswoman Nancy Johnson joined USDA Rural Development State Director David Tuttle, today to present the Town of Winsted with a \$1 million “big check”. The funds are being awarded to the town in order to rehabilitate water lines that have become old, undersized and inadequate for service and fire flows.

USDA Rural Development has provided close to \$4 million to the Town of Winsted since last year for the update and treatment of their water lines. Prior to 2001, USDA Rural Development provided more than \$8 million to the town for the construction of a new Water Treatment Facility. The latest phase of funding comes in the form of a \$1 million Water and Waste Disposal Grant.

Congresswoman Nancy Johnson said, “This is such an important project, and I will work to ensure that Winsted receives the funding it needs to ensure the town's residents have high-quality water for generations to come.”

“Our goal and I think the goal of everyone here today is to ensure that the residents of rural Connecticut have available to them, safe, clean drinking water,” said State Director David Tuttle. “Projects like this, which ultimately end up providing what we all consider to be basic necessities, are unfortunately very costly; Rural Development is in the auspicious position of being able to aid communities like Winsted in keeping costs down somewhat and I’m proud of that.”

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The objective of the USDA Rural Development's Water and Waste Program is to develop public water and waste water systems in order to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources and for the improvement and planning of solid waste facilities.

“This money will assist in Phase III for the installation of long overdue water pipes. Without the USDA and the State of Connecticut, this would not be possible” said Town Manager, Margaret Johnson

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