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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HELPS FUND WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FOR CITY OF BROOKFIELD

Janie Dunning, Missouri USDA Rural Development State Director, announced funding of a \$5,000,000 loan and a \$3,000,000 grant to the City of Brookfield to assist in the construction of wastewater and water improvements for the City. A mock check representing the funding was presented to the City during a celebration held Wednesday, October 28th at Brookfield City Hall.

Dunning stated, "Funding important projects like this indicates that Rural Development is committed to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is extended to our federal elected officials supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Dunning said the loan and grant funds originated from Rural Development's Water & Waste Disposal program. The Water & Waste Disposal program provides funding to public bodies for the construction and improvement of water and waste disposal facilities. Priority is given to communities of that have a population of less than 5,500.

"It is important that citizens can rely on their wastewater facilities to ensure the health and safety of their families and community. I am pleased these federal funds will allow the city of Brookfield to construct new wastewater facilities and provide clean water for their residents," said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill.

U. S. Representative Sam Graves said, "This is an important and necessary project for Brookfield. I'm delighted that the USDA recognizes the importance of helping our rural communities prepare for tomorrow."

Dave Hane, City Administrator, said, "I would like to thank the staff of the Rural Development office in St. Joseph and Chillicothe for their assistance in helping us secure the grant and loan funds for this project.

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



Pictured left to right: Danny Jackson, Area Specialist, Rural Development; Dana Tarpening, City Clerk; Richard Techau, Mayor, Pro-Tem; Jack Forbes, Mayor; Janie Dunning, State Director, Rural Development; Ed Heckman, City Council member; Naomi Boss, Field Representative for Congressman Sam Graves; Don Riepe, City Council member; Brook Balentine, Field Representative for Senator Claire McCaskill; Dave Hane, City Manager; Barb Ross, Area Specialist, Rural Development; Neal Miller, Area Director, Rural Development; and Tom Kelly, Allstate Consultants (engineer)

Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contact Danny Jackson, at the Chillicothe Rural Development office, 1100 Morton Parkway, Chillicothe, Missouri 64601 or by calling 660-646-6222 extension 4.

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