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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS \$2,010,100 EARTH DAY FUNDS TO FOUR COMMUNITIES IN NORTHEAST MISSOURI

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, four communities in Northeast Missouri were recognized for their contributions in providing environmentally sound infrastructure in their respective communities. During this recognition ceremony, Tim Freeman, representative for Congressman Kenny Hulshof and Naomi Boss, representative for Congressman Sam Graves, presented a \$2,010,100 mock check to these communities. This represents the amount of funding that USDA Rural Development has awarded to these communities in 2007 for the purpose of building these types of facilities.

USDA Rural Development joins in this Earth Day celebration of protecting and improving the environment, especially with regard to improving the quality of life and rural economic development. One of the ways that we are able to do this is by partnering with your local entities to provide and improve access to clean, safe drinking water and decent, safe, and sanitary wastewater collection and treatment systems. Earth Day is Every Day for Everybody!

USDA Rural Development has been honored to work with the following entities to bring funding to their rural areas for such improvements. We appreciate their hard work and dedication, as well as their participation in continuing education opportunities to learn more about the environment.

- Howard Co. PWSD #1 for Water - \$1,300,000
- Clark Co. PWSD #1 on behalf of City of Wyaconda for Water - \$148,000
- City of Bunceton for Water - \$555,000
- City of Lancaster for a Pre-Development Planning Grant for Water - \$7,100

In addition, to being recognized for this 2007 Earth Day Honor, your local representatives also attended an Owners Workshop for Water and Wastewater Owners/Operators in Moberly, MO. They spent the day



Bottom row, left to right - Cary Sayre, Allstate Consultants; John Fangman, Bunceton; Tanecia Walker, Bunceton; Bill Marshall, Marshall Engineering; Greg Branum, State Director.

Middle row, left to right: - Rosemary Wilmesmeyer, Howard Co.; Kenneth Kunz, Howard Co.; Leann McClanahan, USDA; Wayne Welker, Clark Co.; Naomi Boss, Representative from Sam Graves office.

Back row, left to right - Kyle Pociask, MECO Engineering; Ken Woods, MECO Engineering; Jesse Howell, MECO Engineering; Bob Blessing, Clark Co.; Joe Groseclose, Lancaster

increasing their knowledge base with educators from Midwest Assistance Program, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Rural Water Association, and USDA Rural Development.

USDA Rural Development appreciates the time, effort, and support put forth by all those involved with infrastructure and the environment, and extends special thanks to our Federal elected officials for making available Federal monies for funding these Water and Wastewater Programs.

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 home ownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on any rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office, by calling 660-665-3274 extension 4 or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/>.

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