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PWSD #1 OF MCDONALD COUNTY IMPROVES SEWER SERVICE WITH AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

In celebration of Earth Day, Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development presented a certificate of appreciation to Public Water Supply District (PWSD) #1 of McDonald County on April 20, 2010. The certificate was presented in recognition of the water districts' efforts to stimulate the economy by utilizing \$4,830,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The \$2,250,000 loan and \$2,580,000 grant funds will improve the wastewater collection and treatment for the City of Jane and the immediate area servicing approximately 300 existing customers.



Picture: Left to Right: Chris Griffith, Village of Jane board member; Clark Thomas, Rural Development Business & Community Programs Program Director; Richard Greene, water district Board Member; Ron Beshears, water district board member and Village of Jane board member; JoNell Lawyer, President of Board of Directors for the water district; Bill Martin, Chairman of the board of trustees for the Village of Jane; Janie Dunning, Rural Development State Director; Chris Erisman, Project Engineer; Mark Hultgren, Rural Development Area Director; Bruce Hively, Rural Development Area Specialist; White Rock School first-graders, Cali Farris and Mitchell Williams attended as part of the Earth Day activities.

“Providing safe and clean wastewater systems for Missourians is a basic sanitary need,” said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. “I’m pleased to hear that the residents of McDonald County will be receiving new wastewater collection lines to improve its health and sanitation needs.”

JoNell Lawyer, President of the board of directors expressed thanks, stating, “The water district is privileged to receive federal funds from Rural Development, and state funds from Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) and the Community Development Block

Grant program (CDBG). We really appreciate the efforts of everyone involved and all their hard work allowing the district to provide the city with sewer service.”

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of an environmentally safe waste disposal system,” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Obama’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that so many rural households will benefit from an adequate and dependable waste disposal system.” Dunning added, “Appreciation is also extended to our federal elected officials for supporting the USDA Rural Development programs. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

Anyone seeking more information about this or any other USDA Rural Development program may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Bruce Hively, Area Specialist, at 688 S. State Hwy B, Suite 400, Springfield, MO 65802, or by calling (417) 831-5246 extension 5 or by email to bruce.hively@mo.usda.gov.

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