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PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO INSTALL SEWER SERVICE WITH AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

In a ceremony on August, 18 2010, Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Washington County.

The certificate was presented in recognition of the Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Washington County and their effort to stimulate the economy by utilizing \$1,747,000 in funds made available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The USDA Rural Development water and waste water funds include a \$538,000 loan and \$1,209,900 grant. These funds coupled with a projected \$500,000 from the Community Development Block Grant program will finance the construction of a centralized wastewater collection system.

This area which is presently known as Springtown has had some health and sanitary concerns. Based on information in the preliminary engineering report the area has raw sewerage in ditches. The project will improve the health of the 553 residents living in the area which is just east of the City of Potosi.

“It’s essential that the citizens of Washington County have access to safe drinking water,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I’m happy to hear that with the help of competitive grant funds, the community will be able to install new sewage equipment to keep operations running safely and efficiently.”



Pictured from left to right are: Bob Summers, Project Engineer, Schultz and Summers Engineering, Donna Martin, Area Specialist, Rural Development, Farmington, Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director, Rural Development, Justin Schutte, Representative from Senator Claire McCaskill’s office, Darrell Adams, President PWSD #1, Stacey Ward, Vice President PWSD #1 and Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Rural Development, Farmington.

In addition to the funding partnership with Washington County which will enable the District to access the funds from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the City of Potosi will become a major partner as well. The city has agreed to provide the treatment for the area's waste. The Industrial Development Authority has been a major player also, as they have offered their assistance and service to the District throughout the application process.

“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 who 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 the water and wastewater programs or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Farmington Area Office at 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640 or by calling (573) 756-6413 ext 4.

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