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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES DOLLARS FOR PAXTON SEWER PROJECT

Paxton, Neb., September 17, 2004--The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$75,000 in loan funds to the Village of Paxton to assist with its sanitary sewer improvement project. The improvements will ensure sanitary wastewater disposal for the village's 614 rural residents.

"USDA Rural Development loan monies will be used to purchase the land necessary for a new three cell lagoon wastewater treatment facility," stated Roberta Mues, rural development specialist for USDA Rural Development. "Paxton is in great need of this facility and we are pleased to be able to assist."

Paxton's present mechanical treatment plant is at the end of its useful life and is no longer operable. Additionally, the system is out of compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act, Nebraska REV. Stat. 81-1501 et seq (Reissure 1999) and has been under a Consent Order since 2001.

The actual construction of the new wastewater treatment facility will be funded by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund with a loan of \$1,615,750, a Small Town Grant of \$100,000 and a Community Development Block Grant of \$250,000.

The USDA loan was provided through the USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Loan program. Loan terms are 20 years at 4.75 percent interest. For additional information contact Roberta Mues at 1202 S. Cottonwood North Platte, Neb. 69101 or phone (308) 534-2360, (402) 437-5093 (TDY). Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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