



Committed to the future of rural communities.

New Jersey—Rural Housing Service

# Community Building

## Rural Communities Working Together To Share Services

### Outline Of Need:

Buena Vista Township and Buena Borough are small rural areas located in southern New Jersey with both having median family incomes less than 75% of the state. Rural communities like these need economic and community development assistance as well as help revitalizing the infrastructure in order for them to prosper.

### How Rural Development Helped:

Over the 20 past years we have provided housing and economic development loans and grants totaling over \$10 million. By concentrating our marketing efforts to assist this community in need, we were able to expand opportunity for housing, infrastructure, business, and community facilities.

### The Results:

Buena Vista Township has received over \$3 million through Rural Development's Community Facility Program to improve their fire facilities and make the community a safer place to live.

Through our Multi-Family Housing Program we have



*Buena Vista Township Fire District #1 known as Richland Vol. Fire Co. Howard Henderson, State Director attended the Dedication Ceremony*

provided 68-units in 3 apartment complexes which are eligible for rental assistance for our senior citizens.

Buena Vista Township's Richland section received two Rural Business Enterprise Grants to expand business opportunities in the area. These funds were used to repair railroad siding tracks and the station platform which in turn helps the community continue to promote tourism.

We are working to improve the infrastructure needs of the communities. Buena Borough is in the process of upgrading their sewer treatment plant having received a USDA Rural Development Community Facility Loan and Grant totaling \$5.6 million. These upgrades will benefit the residents and commercial businesses in both Buena Borough and the Buena Vista Township area. This is an example of townships able to save money and sharing services.

These efforts will help make this rural community a much more desirable place to live and work and shows that through Rural Development programs a community can be built.

## Fast Facts

**Program:** Community Facilities, Rural Business Enterprise Grant, Single Family Housing, and Multi-Family

**Investment:** Over \$10 million in various loan & grant programs

Congressional District: NJ-2

**Demographics:** Atlantic County

Rural Population—Buena Vista Township—7436  
Buena Boro—3873

### Impact:

- Better service for communities
- Cost saving
- Safer place to live

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