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Michigan—Rural Utilities Service

# Strategic Partners

## Timely Repairs Keep Jobs in Rural Community

### Outline Of Need:

Beaverton, located in Gladwin County, relies on the water of Ross Lake for its livelihood. The deterioration of the dam meant that without major repairs, a major employer would have to close its doors, with potentially devastating results for the local community.

### How Rural Development Helped:

Thanks to a \$1.1 million loan from Rural Development and a \$750,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the dam has been repaired, restoring water levels and averting a potentially catastrophic job loss.

### The Results:

Timely response by USDA Rural Development and MEDC allowed repair work to begin before the onset of winter in 2009 and it was complete within weeks.



*For more than a century, this dam has provided the livelihood for the rural town of Beaverton. Thanks to USDA, it can continue to do so. (USDA photo).*

The dam now generates power and provides improved flood control to maintain water levels.

This latter feature is crucial in order for Brown Machine Company to remain in operation in Beaverton. The manufacturer provides 125 jobs in a community with only 1,100 residents, meaning any closing would be devastating.

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## Fast Facts

**Program:** Rural Utilities Service

**Investment:** \$1.1 million loan

**Congressional District:** MI-1

**Partners:** Michigan Economic Development Corp., \$750,000 grant

### Demographics

- 1,100 residents

### Impact:

- Saved 125 manufacturing jobs

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