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Puerto Rico—Rural Utilities Service

# Community Building

## USDA Solve a Health Problem in Salinas Community in PR

### Outline of Need:

Arcadio Maldonado and Coco communities are in the Southern part of Puerto Rico in the Lapa Ward of the municipality of Salinas.

The residents have a potable water service provided by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct & Sewer Authority (PRASA), but lack of an adequate wastewater disposal system. The use of septic tanks resulted in a health hazard situation due to continuous infiltrations into the community water sources and sub-soils.

### How Rural Development Helped:

Rural Development provided a loan of \$4,007,000 and a \$1,509,500 in grant for the Phase II of this project and PR Aqueduct and Sewer Authority contributed with \$4,780,749.



*USDA Rural Development provided a loan and grant combination of \$5.5 million for a new potable water project in the southern part of Puerto Rico in the Lapa Ward of the Municipality of Salinas.*

## Fast Facts

**Program:** Water & Waste

**Investment:** \$4,007,000 loan & a \$1,509,500 grant.

**Partners:** PR Aqueduct Authority

**Congressional District:**

- Senatorial District none
- Representative District—# 98

**Demographics:**

- Salinas
- Population: 7,350 (2010 Census)

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### The Result:

The project has a total cost of \$13,004,249. The project will improve the discharge of wastewater by installing various diameter pipes and manholes. The system will connect to the existing Salinas-Guayama Trunk Sewer System.

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