



NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture • Rural Development
1550 Earl Core Road • Suite 101 • Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304.284.4860 OR 1.800.295.8228 • Fax: 304.284.4893 • TDD: 304.284.4836 • Web: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wv>

Gail Bennett, Public Affairs Specialist – (304) 284-4875

Gauley River PSD Approved For Federal Funds

Morgantown, WV – August 13, 2010: State Director Bobby Lewis announces that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Loan in the amount of \$1,240,000 and a Grant in the amount of \$460,630 for Gauley River Public Service District, Nicholas County, WV.

“Rural Development funds will be used to extend public water service to approximately 73 additional households that are currently without water or fire protection services,” stated Lewis.

The residents currently rely on inadequate private wells that generally contain high levels of iron and magnesium above those acceptable to the state health department.

Construction will consist of approximately 29,500 feet of various size waterline, sixteen fire hydrants, and necessary accessories.

Rural Development serves as the lead Federal entity for rural development needs and administers program assistance through its housing, business/cooperative, community and infrastructure programs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual’s income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

Further information on USDA Rural Development may be obtained by visiting USDA’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>. In West Virginia, call 1-800-295-8228 to be put in touch with the appropriate personnel serving your county. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA’s TARGET Center at 202.720.2600 (voice and TDD).

##

Committed to the future of rural communities.

“USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.”
To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.,
Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).