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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS \$618,000 IN LOAN AND GRANT FUNDS TO SOUTHERN IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

Funds Will Assist with Construction of a Sanitary Sewer System in Macksburg

MACKSBURG, Iowa – May 3, 2006 – Mark Reisinger, USDA Rural Development State Director in Iowa, today presented Southern Iowa Rural Water Association with loan and funds totaling \$618,000. The funds will assist in the construction of a wastewater collection and treatment system for the City of Macksburg.

“This is a wonderful example of how the U.S. government, through USDA Rural Development, can partner with a local organization and community to do what that community deems as important and vital to its rural residents, while at the same time protecting the environment,” Reisinger said. “By partnering with local groups and organizations, Rural Development is doing our part to ensure the highest possible quality of life for rural Iowans.”

USDA Rural Development is awarding Southern Iowa Rural Water Association a Water and Waste Disposal Loan of \$309,000 and a Water and Waste Disposal Grant also totaling \$309,000 to assist in the construction of a sanitary sewer system in Macksburg, population 142.

The project includes a centralized wastewater collection and treatment system consisting of approximately 14,000 linear feet of a pressurized collection system with a progressive cavity grinder pump located at each house or business. Through the pressurized sewer system the waste flow will be delivered to a two-cell controlled discharge earthen pond lagoon system to be located northwest of the city of Macksburg.

In 2005, USDA Rural Development provided nearly \$27 million to help fund water or sewer projects in 21 Iowa communities and rural areas. These dollars assisted nearly 500 Iowa households with wastewater services, as well as helped provide water services to an additional 3,000 households in the state.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to the future of rural communities,” Reisinger said. “With infrastructure improvements such as this new sanitary sewer system in Macksburg, every day, we are making a positive difference in people’s decisions to call rural Iowa home.”

USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas and communities. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

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USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

Further information on rural programs is available at the local USDA Rural Development office in Atlantic, which can be reached at (712) 243-2107, or by visiting USDA's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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