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\$1.1 Million in Recovery Act Funds Assisting City of Elkader's Wastewater Treatment Plant

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Projects in 24 States Receiving \$123 Million

WASHINGTON, June 17, 2009 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the selection of more than \$123 million in water and environmental projects that are being funded immediately through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The projects will help provide safe drinking water and improved wastewater treatment systems for rural towns and communities in 24 states.

“The water and wastewater projects announced today support the Obama administration’s goal of rebuilding and revitalizing our country’s rural infrastructure and putting people to work by doing the work that Americans want done.” Vilsack said. “These Recovery Act investments will provide reliable drinking water and sanitary waste disposal while creating and saving jobs in rural America.”

The 24 states where projects are located include: Florida, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and West Virginia.

The City of Elkader in northeast Iowa has been selected to receive a \$616,000 loan and a \$549,000 grant to help with upgrades to the city’s wastewater treatment plant. The plant was originally constructed in 1984 and was affected by last year’s flooding in the community. These funds will help with improvements such as installing new pumps at the plant, modifying the existing lagoon, replacing and relocating sewer lines, rehabilitating the main lift station for added flood protection, along with other upgrades.

USDA Rural Development’s Water and Environmental Program provides loans and grants to ensure that the necessary investments are made in water and wastewater infrastructure to deliver safe drinking water and protect the environment in rural areas. More information about USDA Rural Development can be found at www.rurdev.usda.gov. Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the loan or grant agreement.

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Project List for ARRA Water and Wastewater Funding

Fla. - Immokalee Water & Sewer District (Sewer): \$8,088,000
Fla. - Wewahitchka Stone Mill Creek Water (Water): \$5,445,200
Total Projects Florida (2): \$13,533,200

Iowa - City of Elkader (Sewer): \$1,165,000
Total Projects Iowa (1): \$1,165,000

Idaho - City of Fairfield (Sewer): \$1,220,000
Total Projects Idaho (1): \$1,220,000

Ill. - Eaton Water District (Water): \$1,375,000
Total Projects Illinois (1): \$1,375,000

Ky. - Edmonson County Water District (Water): \$819,500
Ky. - Pendleton County Water District (Water): \$275,000
Total Projects Kentucky (2): \$1,094,500

La. - Town of Jonesville (Water): \$205,000
La. - Village of Montpelier (Water): \$850,000
Total Projects Louisiana (2): \$1,055,000

Maine - Lincoln Sanitary District (Sewer): \$2,650,000
Total Projects Maine (1): \$2,650,000

Mich. - West Iron County Sewer Authority (Sewer) \$1,000,000
Total Projects Michigan (1): \$1,000,000

Mo. - City of Clarence (Sewer): \$2,763,000
Mo. - Jackson County PWSD #17 (Water): \$417,000
Mo. - Linn-Livingston PWSD #3 (Water): \$3,369,030
Total Projects Missouri (3): \$6,549,030

Miss. - Clarkdale Water Association, Inc (Water): \$4,200,000
Miss. - Trim Cane Water Association, Inc. (Water): \$689,000
Total Projects Mississippi (2): \$4,889,000

N.D. - City of Oakes (Combined): \$4,970,000
Total Projects North Dakota (1): \$4,970,000

N.H. - North Conway Water Precinct (Sewer): \$8,190,000
Total Projects New Hampshire (1): \$8,190,000

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N.Y. - Town of Boston Water District 2 (Water): \$353,700
N.Y. - Town of Boston Water District 3 (Water): \$3,006,000
N.Y. - Village of Sodus Point (Water): \$2,520,000
N.Y. - Town of West Sparta (Water): \$795,000
Total Projects New York (4): \$6,674,700

Ohio - Jefferson County (Sewer): \$9,429,000
Ohio - Northwestern Water & Sewer Dist. (Sewer): \$4,420,000
Total Projects Ohio (2): \$13,849,000

Okla. - Flint Ridge Rural Water District (Water): \$3,860,000
Total Projects Oklahoma (1): \$3,860,000

Ore. - Tri City Water & Sanitary Authority (Sewer): \$1,595,000
Ore. - Netarts-Oceanside Sanitary District (NOSD) (Sewer): \$20,995,000
Total Projects Oregon (2): \$22,590,000

Pa. - Township of Dublin (Sewer): \$1,597,960
Total Projects Pennsylvania (1): \$1,597,960

S.C. - Town of Williamston (Sewer) \$4,866,600
S.C. - Williamsburg County (Water): \$4,147,600
Total Projects South Carolina (2): \$9,014,200

S.D. - Aurora-Brule Rural Water System, Inc.(Water): \$3,680,000
Total Projects South Dakota (1): \$3,680,000

Tenn. - City of Johnson City (Water): \$869,000
Total Projects Tennessee (1): \$869,000

Texas - Baffin Bay Water Supply Corporation (Water): \$1,627,000
Texas - Leigh WSC (Water): \$2,515,000
Total Projects Texas (2): \$4,142,000

Va. - Carroll County Public Service Authority (Water): \$1,062,000
Total Projects Virginia (1): \$1,062,000

Wash. – Battleground (Sewer): \$7,000,000
Total Projects Washington (1): \$7,000,000

Wis.- Town of Port Wing (Sewer): \$1,142,000
Total Projects Wisconsin (1): \$1,142,000

W.Va. - McDowell County Public Service District (Water): \$1,724,000

W.Va. - Town of Newburg (Water): \$185,000

Total Projects West Virginia (2): \$1,909,000

President Obama signed The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law on Feb. 17, 2009. It is designed to jumpstart the nation's economy, create or save millions of jobs and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

More information about USDA's Recovery Act efforts is available at www.usda.gov/recovery. More information about the Federal government's efforts on the Recovery Act is available at www.recovery.gov.

Further information about USDA Rural Development programs is available by calling (515) 284-4663, at a local USDA Rural Development office or at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

Eleven USDA Rural Development offices in Iowa serve the 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas. 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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