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News Release

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MAYS RESIDENTS GETS GOOD NEWS FROM USDA

Lewisville (03-17; 2-7-2003): Residents of the northern Rush County community of Mays were pleased today when government representatives and South Henry Regional Waste District (RWD) officials met to finalize the financial details on a major infrastructure project. The South Henry RWD is receiving from USDA Rural Development a \$102,000 low interest loan and a \$393,770 grant for construction of a wastewater collection system for Mays. The project is also being supported by a \$500,000 grant from the Build Indiana Fund.

The funding will be used to build a gravity sewer system consisting of about 5,000 feet of sewer lines and 23,000 feet of force main line between Mays and the point of connection to the South Henry RWD line at Dunreith. There will be one lift station at Mays. The project will serve 70 users and eliminate the County Health Department's concerns about the septic systems in Mays.

Robert White, USDA Rural Development State Director, presented a ceremonial check for the USDA funding today to Donna Tauber, President of the South Henry RWD. Tauber said, "This is a very important day for the community of Mays. I want to especially recognize all of the time and effort that has been put into this project by the Mays residents who have served on the sewer project committee. Without their strong determination and commitment to the future of their community, this project would not have happened."

White added, "The people of Mays and the South Henry RWD realize that rural communities cannot survive without adequate infrastructure. These systems can be very expensive but they are critical for the economic and physical well being of rural residents. Congratulations on making this important investment."

Many urban and suburban residents do not realize that millions of rural Americans live in homes with contaminated or insufficient water - or no piped in water at all. Millions more are hooked to substandard sewage disposal systems that are often the cause of pollution.

Since 1994, USDA Rural Development has invested nearly \$350 million in rural Indiana to help communities improve their quality of life through new or improved water and wastewater disposal projects. In Rush County during this same timeframe USDA Rural Development has provided over \$4 million in single family mortgage assistance, nearly \$1 million in funding for community facilities, \$1 million in multifamily housing construction and repair, and over \$5 million for the construction of water and wastewater systems.

Single family home loans, rural rental housing, water and waste water facility funding, business and industry loans, and community facility loans and grants are financial resources available from USDA Rural Development. Questions concerning these services in this area can be directed to USDA Rural Development, 1110 Amos Road, Suite A, Shelbyville, IN 46176-2806; phone 317-392-1394, extension 4.