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LEICESTER WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT GETS ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS

LEICESTER, MA - State Director of USDA Rural Development, David Tuttle announced today on behalf of President George W. Bush and Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman that the Leicester Water Supply District will receive an additional grant of \$55,247 in order to cover unexpected construction costs associated with the Manville Street sewer project. This grant comes on top of a previous \$330,000 low-interest loan and \$210,000 grant that was provided by the agency to the water supply district in April of this year.

The Manville Street sewer project involves the construction and design of gravity sewers and a new pump station which will provide a sewer connection for twenty-five homes in the area. This is good news for the effected homeowners since the new sewers will replace septic systems that have caused several problems for residents in the past.

“A reliable water and waste system is essential in order to ensure the health and well-being of the residents of Leicester,” said State Director Tuttle. “I am pleased that Rural Development is in a position to provide the Leicester Water District with the extra funds needed in order to complete this project.”

Federal funding is made available to the Town of Leicester through the USDA Rural Development Rural Utility Service. Through this program, USDA Rural Development provides loans, grants and technical assistance for the renovation or construction of public water and waste systems in rural communities.

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