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**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND UNION SAVINGS BANK TEAM UP ON THE FIRST  
LOAN OF ITS KIND IN CONNECTICUT**

**NEW MILFORD, CT** - David Tuttle, State Director of USDA Rural Development announced today that the agency will be involved in its first ever guaranteed water and waste loan in Connecticut. The loan will be provided to the Lillinonah Park Estates Homeowners Association in New Milford by Union Savings Bank and backed with a 90% guarantee by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The guaranteed loan from Union Savings and Rural Development will be used to renovate Lillinonah's water distribution system. The homeowners association has been under a consent order from the State of Connecticut Department of Health because of inadequate water pressure and high levels of iron and manganese, resulting in turbid water.

"This new loan program enables our agency to partner with community based lenders to improve the quality of life in rural areas. All of the aspects of this partnership including the leveraging of USDA funds, the involvement of Union Savings in their community, and the residents of Lillinonah receiving top-quality water, make this a situation where everyone wins" said USDA Rural Development Specialist, Mary Grasso.

"Through the efforts of the folks at Union Savings, the Lillinonah Homeowners Association, and the Rural Development staff in our Windsor office, the renovation of Lillinonah's water distribution and storage systems will provide residents with water that complies with the Safe Drinking Water Act" said USDA State Director David Tuttle. "I'm glad to see that local banks like Union Savings are willing to form these partnerships because they are so very crucial to the health and welfare of Connecticut's rural citizens."

USDA Rural Development provides guaranteed water and waste disposal loans in order to restore deteriorating water supplies or to improve, enlarge or modify water or inadequate waste facilities.

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