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EARTH DAY CELEBRATION HELD AT LAKE HANNIBAL ESTATES

On April 24, 2008, Scott Callicott, Northern Regional Director, for Congressman Kenny Hulshof, presented Certificates of Appreciation to several recipients in Ralls County to honor Earth Day.

Today we congratulate Ralls Co. Public Water Supply District #1 for the management and operations of this wastewater treatment facility and their partnership with Lake Hannibal Estates to provide safe, convenient, and dependable Wastewater Treatment Facilities to their residents. We want to thank General Mercantile Store for hosting our event today and everyone who is in attendance for helping

us with this Earth Day Celebration.

The existing facility was installed in 1976. The purchasing owner at that time, bought the existing wastewater treatment plant and installed it to treat sewage transported by a new gravity sewer collection system in the development. At the time of installation, the package plant was approximately 10 years old, making this treatment facility currently over 41 years old.

The facility was originally rated for 27,000 gallons per day (GPD) per information obtained from the previous developer at the time that Ralls Co. PWSD #1 took over operations of the facility. It was clear that this facility was not capable of treating that amount of flow. Klingner & Associates, P.C. performed an evaluation of the facility in 2003 recommending to MODNR that the design flow be adjusted down to 16,000 GPD and the current permits were adjusted accordingly. In December 2007 a Water Quality Review Assistance Request was sent to MODNR requesting updated effluent limits for this facility.

The recommendation for improvements to this facility are to replace the package plant with a new extended aeration wastewater treatment facility that has concrete tank walls which will house the equipment. The capital cost of all the improvements for the structure and startup will be approximately \$436,570. Funds are going to be requested from USDA Rural Development Water & Wastewater Loan Program in the amount of \$386,570, with the Ralls Co. PWSD #1 putting in approximately \$50,000.

The revenues generated from the sewer rates will pay for the borrowed funds. Currently, no increase in the sewer rate is anticipated to the consumer however rates will continue to be evaluated and reviewed annually.

"This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of an environmentally safe waste disposal system," said Morris Westfall, Missouri State



Pictured left to right: Carol Toedte, Owner of Lakeshore General Mercantile at Lake Hannibal Estates; Michelle Lehenbauer & E. Keith Deaver Board of Directors for Ralls Co. PWSD #1; Dan Gummersheimer & Jon Rogers of Alliance Water Resources; Scott Callicott of Congressman Kenny Hulshof's Office; and Leann McClanahan of USDA Rural Development.

Director for USDA Rural Development. "This project mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that rural households will benefit from an adequate and dependable waste disposal system."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Further information on Rural Development programs is available by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Leann McClanahan at the Kirksville USDA Service Center at 2410 S. Franklin St., Kirksville, MO 63501 or by calling 660-665-3274 Ext. 4.

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