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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW WATER SYSTEM IN WEST SULLIVAN

Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, hosted a groundbreaking ceremony with officials from the Village of West Sullivan on August 21, 2008. The ceremony was to celebrate the beginning of construction on a new centralized water system which will serve 37 residences and seven commercial users. The new facility will supply safe drinking water and the capacity for fire flow to these users.



U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "Every American deserves clean and safe drinking water. I am pleased this funding will help the residents of West Sullivan to build a new system to deliver water that is as safe as possible."

U.S. Congressman Kenny Hulshof said, "I appreciate the work USDA Rural Development officials and local representatives have put forth to provide safe drinking water for West Sullivan residents, while also providing adequate fire protection for their newly-developed homes and businesses. Projects like this are a great example of how our tax dollars are brought back to Missouri to be used right here at home to improve our local communities."

"Having an environmentally safe water system is important to the residents of West Sullivan and I commend all the partners for their hard work in making this project a reality," Westfall said. "Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Bush's initiatives for rural America and Rural Development's commitment to the future of rural communities."

Westfall also added, "Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

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