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## **Residents of the Village of Halfway Benefit from New Sewer System Improvements**

The Village of Halfway held a ground breaking ceremony on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, to celebrate the impending installation of a new gravity flow sewage collection system to replace failing individual septic systems.

The total financing package includes a USDA Rural Development Loan of \$160,000, a USDA Rural Development Grant of \$644,200, a State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources Grant of \$583,800, and a State of Missouri Community Development Block Grant of \$375,000. Funds will be used to construct the gravity flow sewage collection system with lift stations to transport the sewage to a Recirculating Sand Filter Treatment Facility.



Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development said, "This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs for an environmentally safe disposal system. I commend the Village of Halfway and everyone involved in funding this project."

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