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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES DOLLARS TO MAYVILLE/PORTLAND FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM

MAYVILLE, August 15, 2007—Agriculture Rural Utilities Program Administrator for Rural Development James Andrew joined North Dakota State Director for Rural Development Clare Carlson in a ceremonial check presentation to the city of Mayville for \$2.963 million.

“Investment in water and wastewater programs could be the next sleeping giant to confront at the national level,” said Andrew. USDA's Rural Development Utilities Programs has invested over \$266 million in direct grants and loans for North Dakota water and environmental programs. This new investment of nearly \$3 million for the water and waste disposal project will help not just North Dakota, but our entire nation.”

The USDA's Rural Development provided a \$1.964 million water and waste disposal loan and a \$999,000 water and waste disposal grant, which represents the total funding package for the project.

The project encompasses the construction of a regional lagoon system for both the cities of Mayville and Portland. The system will consist of four lagoon cells designed to provide a 180 day storage capacity. A new lift station and a new force system will also be constructed between the two facilities.

The new system should be operational by late September 2007 and will eliminate current public health concerns associated with the existing outdated system. Approximately 1,000 users will benefit.

In Fiscal Year 2006, USDA Rural Development provided over **\$56.6 million** in loan and grant financing to North Dakota citizens.

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