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## Rural Development Funds New Crawford County Sewer System

**CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO, April 24, 2006** – Rural Development State Director Randy Hunt participated in a \$4.7 million Earth Day project celebration with Crawford County leadership and residents.

“We feel our purpose as an organization is fulfilled when we can participate in helping to practically improve the quality of life for Ohio’s rural residents,” said Rural Development State Director Randy Hunt. “This project represents the spirit of partnership and service commitment that we at Rural Development pledge ourselves to.”

Residential complaints about sewer odor initiated an Environmental Protection Agency investigation that identified pollution conditions that required prompt resolution. The funding will be used for the construction of a sewer system that will serve approximately 250 residential users in the Westmoor area of Crawford County.

Rural Development’s funding of the Crawford County project includes a \$3 million loan and more than \$1.7 million in grants. Additional contributors to the financing package are the Ohio Water Development Authority at \$350,000; Crawford County added \$200,000 and the Ohio Public Works Commission provided \$150,000.

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