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## USDA Rural Development Funds Local Village Water Project

**COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 17, 2007** – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$543,000 financing package to the Village of DeGraff to fund construction that will increase the capacity of their water system. The village is located in Logan County, Ohio.

“Although Ohio’s rural communities are smaller, fulfilling their basic needs is no less important,” said Hunt. “Rural Development’s Water and Waste Disposal Program helps ensure Ohioans have access to clean, safe water as a critical quality of life necessity.”

Total cost of the project is \$885,000. The Ohio Public Works Commission contributed \$292,000, while the Village of DeGraff added \$20,000 to the financing package. The funds will be used to construct a new 250,000 gallon water storage tower and a waterline from the tower to Main Street. The village’s water system serves 557 users in the Village of DeGraff and the surrounding area.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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