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USDA Rural Development Funds \$5.9 Million Village Water Project

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Apr. 18, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$4.9 million financing package to the Village of Russia to fund construction of a new water system. The village is located in Shelby, Ohio.

“Making sure Ohio’s rural communities have access to safe, clean water can be a costly undertaking because of location logistics,” said Hunt. “Rural Development’s Water and Waste Disposal Program provides additional financing options to help reduce the expense of these projects, making them more affordable.”

Total cost of the project is \$5,932,000. The Village of Russia contributed \$1 million to the financing package. The funds will be used to construct a new water system that will include a water treatment plant, well field, elevated storage tank and water lines. The new system will provide service to 264 users in the village.

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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