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Rural Development Awards \$64,000 in Funding for Waste Management Program

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 17, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$64,500 grant to Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District in Mahoning County, Ohio. The funding comes from Rural Development's Solid Waste Management Grant Program.

“Rural Development's Solid Waste Management Program provides critical funding to assist small rural communities develop and implement local waste management initiatives,” said Hunt. “Educational efforts help residents better understand how they can help improve the overall health and appearance of their communities.”

Mahoning County Solids Waste Management District's will use the funding to help finance its Rural Recycling Education and Awareness Program (REAP). REAP promotes and assists the recycling efforts throughout the rural areas of Mahoning County. Mahoning County's Solid Waste Management District contributed \$108,587 towards the project, bringing the total project costs to \$173,087.

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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