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## USDA Rural Development Funds Morgan County's New Water Distribution System

**COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 5, 2007** – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$231,000 grant to build a water distribution system for West Malta Rural Water District in Morgan County, Ohio. The funding comes from Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan Program.

"Construction of these smaller water systems is crucial to ensuring rural residents have the same access to clean, safe water as we all do," said Hunt. "Rural Development's commitment to helping meet the basic needs of Ohio's citizens grows stronger with each opportunity we're given to assist."

The funding will be used for the construction of a water distribution system to serve 223 users in Morgan County. Water will be purchased from the Village of Malta.

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 home ownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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