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USDA Rural Development Finances New Building for Portage Water Company

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 12, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$750,000 financing package to the Rootstown Water Service Company for construction of a new office building in Portage County, Ohio. The funding comes from Rural Development's Community Facility Loan and Grant Program.

"As rural water districts build upon their servicing capacity there's also a need to upgrade office space to accommodate those increased operations," said Hunt. "We're pleased with our role as community partner and continue to market programs that can help improve the quality of life of rural Ohioans."

Rootstown Water has outgrown its current location. The new facility will include a maintenance building and a meeting room available for public use.

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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