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Rural Development Partners to Bring New \$4.8 Million Sewer System to Village of Risingsun

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Sept. 12, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$1,733,000 financing package to Northwestern Water and Sewer District in Wood County, Ohio. The funding is from Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program and will be used to construct a new sewer system.

"Ohio's rural communities face constantly increasing demands on their sewer and water servicing capabilities," said Hunt. "In practically every instance community leaders must identify multiple funding sources to make construction of these critical facilities possible. This project is an example of the kind of financial leveraging that's required to deliver improved local services."

Other funders include: \$420,500 in loans and grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission, \$275,000 from the Northwestern Water and Sewer District, \$81,500 in state Community Development Block Grants and \$75,000 from Wood County Community Development Block Grants. Funding will be used to construct a new conventional gravity sewer system and wastewater treatment plant to serve 314 users in the Village of Risingsun and surrounding Scott Township.

The Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program makes direct loans and grants to build or improve essential public use facilities such as water and sewer facilities, storm sewers and solid waste facilities.

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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