

## Water and Wastewater

ZUMBRO FALLS, Minn. -- The city of Zumbro Falls undertook a major water and wastewater infrastructure project in 2002. The project was finished last fall, and the city is now enjoying the benefits of the time and effort that went into the project.

Zumbro Falls upgraded its water distribution lines, wastewater collection lines and replaced the community water storage tank with a new 50,000 gallon tank. The project is a prime example of USDA Rural Development partnering with a rural community, and guiding that community through the sometimes difficult process of undertaking a major project like a water and wastewater system upgrade.

Rural Development helped fund the project with a \$1,049,000 low-interest loan and a \$817,000 grant. The funding came from a special provision in the 2002 Farm Bill.

“Infrastructure spurs economic development and helps keep our rural communities strong,” said Steve Wenzel, State Director of Rural Development in Minnesota. “This project will assist the residents and businesses of Zumbro Falls for many years to come.”

In 2005, the city needed additional funds to cover cost over runs on the project and Rural Development stepped in again, awarding another \$523,000 in low-interest loan funds and \$58,000 in grants.



The new system will serve the town of 177 in Wabasha County for many years to come.

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