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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT MARKS EARTH DAY and ANNOUNCES FUNDING for UPPER LEON RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Comanche, Texas, April 22, 2004 – Bryan Daniel, Texas USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District received a \$290,000 loan and a \$870,000 grant through the agency's Community Programs Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant fund. The effort is part of the USDA's national program to help provide rural areas with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems.

"It is appropriate that this announcement comes on Earth Day," said Daniel. "We should remember to reaffirm our commitment to protect the earth's air, water and land, especially rural Americans, who live close to the land and make their livings from it."

"One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide water and wastewater treatment programs that target public health benefits and provide economic opportunities to America's rural communities," said Daniel. "Rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance their quality of life."



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