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## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES THE AWARD OF A \$100,000 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT TO BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**BRYAN, TEXAS, July 10, 2006**—USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, today announced the award of a \$100,000 Solid Waste Management Grant to the Brazos Valley Council of Governments. Funds will be used to conduct Brazos Valley Illegal Dumping Prevention Workshops to law enforcement, elected officials, health officials, County/Municipal personnel, and communities in Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties.

“USDA Rural Development is delighted to assist the Brazos Valley Council of Governments with financial assistance for this project,” said Daniel. “Providing technical assistance and training in an effort to reduce or eliminate solid waste pollution in rural Texas is beneficial to everyone.”

USDA Rural Development Solid Waste Management Grants are available to non-profit corporations and public bodies serving rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. The funds can be used to identify and evaluate solutions to solid waste problems related to collection, treatment and disposal on a regional basis.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, call the Bryan Local Office at (979) 846-0548, Extension 4, or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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