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**Communities Receive More Than \$1.2 Million in Water and Sewer Funds**

*Grants to Improve Sewer and Wastewater Infrastructure Systems, Assisting More Than 3,500 households*

**Columbus** – Three Ohio communities will receive funds totaling \$1.2 million to make critical improvements to their wastewater and sewer systems. The grants are from the federally funded Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

"The investments made today will ensure a safe and sanitary living environment for these communities," said William J. Graves, Director of the Department's Community Development Division. "Proper infrastructure is the foundation for economic growth and the health of Ohio's communities."

**City of Greenfield** (Highland County) will receive \$500,000 to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant in order to handle increased sewage flows and meet Ohio Environmental Protection Agency requirements. The more than \$2.8 million project will benefit 1,862 households.

**Miami County** will receive \$600,000 to install 4,230 linear feet of sanitary sewers and seven grinder pumps in Concord Township. The more than \$1.2 million project will benefit 59 households.

**Village of Paulding** (Paulding County) will receive \$136,000 to install a flow control chamber at the wastewater treatment plant to address overflow problems and solar-powered water circulators to improve pH levels. The more than \$540,000 project will benefit 1,587 households.

*The **Water and Sanitary Sewer Program** is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships and helps local governments maintain, improve, and expand water and sanitary sewer systems. Applications for the program are accepted on a continuous basis and are rated against the following criteria: number of persons expected to benefit from the project; ability to leverage funds; program impact; program readiness; and the community's financial capacity and rate structure. Communities with documented health and safety concerns receive priority for funding.*

*The **Office of Housing and Community Partnerships** provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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