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Communities Receive more than \$2 Million in Water and Sewer Funds*Grants to Improve Critical Infrastructure Systems Assist more than 370 Households*

Columbus – Four Ohio communities will receive funds totaling more than \$2 million to make critical improvements to their wastewater and sewer systems. The grants are from the federally funded Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

"These investments will ensure critical infrastructure improvements for the communities involved," said Melissa Stanford, Interim Director of the Department's Community Development Division. "Having efficient water and sewer systems is an important piece of a community's overall economic development strategy."

Henry County (Napoleon Township) will receive \$562,500 to install approximately 19,000 linear feet of sewer lines and one lift station. The County also will help 25 low- and moderate-income households connect to the system. The estimated project cost is more than \$2.3 million, and will benefit 45 households.

Mahoning County (Austintown Township) will receive \$570,000 to install approximately 7,560 linear feet of sewer lines and help 14 eligible low- and moderate-income households connect to the system in the Riblet Road area. The estimated project cost is nearly \$1.3 million, and will benefit 43 households.

Marion County (Village of Waldo) will receive \$600,000 to construct a wastewater treatment plant, install two lift stations, and install 28,000 linear feet of sewer lines. Also, 50 low- and moderate-income households will receive tap-in assistance. The estimated project cost is more than \$3.8 million, and will benefit 161 households.

Village of South Solon (Madison County) will receive \$322,800 to construct a 100,000 gallon water tank. The estimated project cost is more than \$645,000, and will benefit 123 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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