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**Jefferson County Receives \$600,000 in Water and Sewer Funds***Grant to improve critical infrastructure system assists nearly 90 households*

**Columbus** – Jefferson County will receive \$600,000 to make critical improvements to the sewer system serving Island Creek Township. The grant comes 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.

"This investment will help eliminate unsanitary conditions in the Pottery Addition neighborhood of the Township and ensure that residents have a safe and healthy living environment," said Melissa Stanford, Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Development's Community Development Division.

The County will install approximately 9,700 linear feet of sewer lines. The waste will then be treated at the City of Steubenville's wastewater treatment plant. The County also will help 50 low- and moderate-income households connect to the system. The estimated project cost is more than \$2 million, and will benefit 89 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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