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## **Communities Receive \$1.1 Million in Water and Sewer Funds**

*Grants to Improve Critical Infrastructure Systems Assist more than 370 Households*

**Columbus** – Two Ohio communities will receive funds totaling \$1.1 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 provide safe and sanitary living conditions for Ohio communities," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "The improvements are a necessary and critical step to future economic development opportunities."

**Village of New Straitsville** (Perry County) will receive \$500,000 to replace nearly 17,000 linear feet of waterlines and nearly 7,000 linear feet of service lines. The estimated project cost is \$1.1 million, and will benefit 296 households.

**Trumbull County** (Howland Township) will receive \$600,000 to install more than 11,700 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines and nearly 1,500 linear feet of storm sewer lines in the Overland Avenue area. The County will provide assistance for 30 low- and moderate-income households to connect to the new system. The estimated project cost is more than \$1.6 million, and will benefit 75 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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