

USDA Rural Development News Release

USDA Rural Development Provides \$1,922,700 to Southeast Sewer District of Johnson County

Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director for USDA, Rural Development, present a mock check to a wastewater collection system in Johnson County on July 21, 2008.

In a presentation at the Johnson County Courthouse, the Southeast Sewer District of Johnson County received \$1,922,700 to construct a centralized wastewater collection system. The system will serve 940 residents in southeastern Johnson County, Missouri.

"The efforts of the USDA Rural Development and the local leadership of Johnson County will benefit many within the community. The construction of a centralized wastewater collection system will have a positive impact on the health and safety of its residents. I am proud to have played a small part and appreciate the good work that the USDA Rural Development does for rural Missouri." Senator Kit Bond

"I am pleased that the residents of Johnson County will receive a new waste management system," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "Every Missourian deserves access to clean and safe drinking water and with the help of the new system, hundreds can rest assured that they have an efficient water system."

"It is vital that Missourians have a safe, dependable sewer system. I am pleased that the Southeast Sewer District in Johnson County will have the proper systems in place to ensure quality for their residents. The results from this project will be immeasurable," Skelton said.

"Access to an environmentally safe waste disposal system is a fundamental necessity to each of us," said Westfall. This project mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that so many rural households will be served by an adequate and dependable waste disposal system. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for during these projects.

Anyone seeing more information about the water and wastewater programs or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Clinton Area Office at 1306 North 2nd Street, Clinton, MO 64735 or by calling (660)885-5567 - ext 5.